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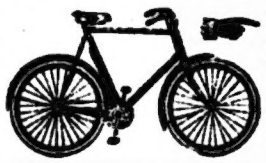

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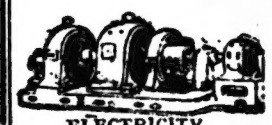

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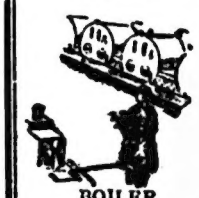

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Lord Kitchener.
All honour to Mr. Asquith for his timely defence of Lord Kitchener. The ex-Premier was always nothing if not chivalrous.

Edith Cavell.
There has not been, and cannot be, a more dramatic incident of the war than the stately reburial of this good woman. We wonder if she knows about it?—we wonder!

Captain Fryatt.
And when is this hero to be similarly honoured? Except for the fact that in one case it was a woman murdered, his fate was even more ghastly.

The Bottomley-Williams Debate.
Through the good offices of Mr. Ben Tillett we are meeting Mr. Robert Williams, to settle details in connection with the proposed public discussion.

Children's Treats.
Really the Board of Trade *must* arrange for cheap trains for the children's excursions this summer. The youngsters have had a bad time during the past four years.

Ireland.
We have had yet another "Debate" on Ireland—this time initiated by the Labour men. But never a sign of any practical solution of the problem. We still think that ours is "the only way."

Egypt.
Egypt, too, has come up, the respective "political" cases being argued by two of the most brilliant "young men" in the House—Lord Winterton and Wedgwood Benn. They are also, perhaps, the two most impudent.

The Gallant Dead.
What is this we hear about Pte. Nicholl, of the Army of the Rhine, who was accidentally shot dead when instructing a class in musketry—and whose body, according to our information, was simply wrapped in a blanket and taken on a stretcher, in view of the German civilian population, and buried without any coffin?

Charities and Rates.
Inasmuch as churches, chapels, and hospitals are exempted from rates and taxes, surely a similar concession could be made to such an institution as the London and South Western Railway Servants' Orphanage, at Woking, Surrey, the Secretary of which tells us he has just received a demand note for a considerable sum.

Dud German Notes.
We have good reason for saying that the Government should at once redeem all spurious German notes held by British prisoners of war. We repeat that we have good reason for this.

Peace Celebrations.
We intend to press the suggestion that in connection with the forthcoming Peace Celebrations, all Naval and Military prisoners undergoing sentences for Service crimes, and all juvenile first offenders in Industrial Schools and elsewhere, should be released.

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The Pankhursts.
Several correspondents have pointed out that it is Sylvia, and not Christabel, who still goes about pankhursting. Christabel, it appears, has—like ourselves—become quite respectable in these days.

Our Censors.
Did you notice that case of the ex-convict, Melmore, who has served several terms of imprisonment—including one of 5 years' penal servitude—and who was until lately engaged in the Censor's Offices at Liverpool, dealing with foreign correspondence? A funny nation, aren't we?

"Bottomley's Pit" Again!
We observe that Mr. Lyle-Samuel, M.P., has been telling his constituents that unless the House of Commons is to become the "Bottomley's Pit," our talk about indemnities would not appeal "to anyone who had trained his faculties." We hope our hon. friend's training is complete—for the coming "trial."

True "Co-operation."
The *Co-operative News* honours us with an Open Letter—the only interesting point in which is the admission of the writer that he has recently "been able" to read two copies of our journal "which had been left in the train by fellow passengers." There's true co-operation for you!

The People's League.
Still the members come rolling in; and we are not surprised that there is a flutter in the Downing Street dovecots.

Brigandage.
According to Mr. Philip Snowden, the Peace Treaty "should satisfy brigands." No wonder we dislike it.

India's "Fear."
The *Pioneer*, of Allahabad, is "afraid that JOHN BULL is more sedulously read than the Holy Bible." Perhaps it is that we are more up-to-date.

Mr. Balfour.
We are able to state that there is no truth in the rumour that Mr. Balfour is resigning politics to take up professional lawn tennis.

The League of Nations.
We see there is already a "League of Nations Union," of which that egregious Old Man Viscount Bryce, *O.M.*, is the leading spirit. Poor League!

The Kaiser's Trial.
Does anyone seriously imagine that the Butcher of Berlin will ever be put on trial? As with Indemnities, this election pledge belongs to the pie-crust order.

"World"-wide Fame.
The *World*—which is gradually recovering the prestige which it enjoyed in Edmund Yates' days—makes us the central figure in a striking coloured caricature, the other "object" being the bulldog. On his behalf we bow-wow.

Laszlo.
When is this man to be deported? And, by the way, would an inquiry of "M.I.5"—which is the Secret Intelligence Department of the War Office—reveal the fact that his mischievous activities were not unsuspected long before they came to public light?

Aliens' Sponsors.
So Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary, declines our suggestion that when Certificates of Naturalisation are granted the names of the British sponsors should be given. We suppose he fears an amendment making the disclosure retrospective!

The Way Out.
According to the *Times*, one of the inscriptions on the carriages of the train which took the Russian Relief Force to the docks was "Good-bye, Blighty. . . . We leave the whole Government to JOHN BULL." No wonder they went away happy.

W.S. Certificates and Banks.

An officer of the R.A.M.C. who wanted an advance from his bank on the security of his War Savings Certificates has had this reply, *inter alia* : "We take the opportunity to point out that, in accordance with the terms of the issue, War Savings Certificates cannot be made available as cover for an advance." There is no such regulation in the books first issued; if in the second issue, why?

Walsall's V. C.

Seaman Carless, of Walsall, mortally wounded in the Heligoland fight, was awarded the V.C. His mother received no pension when he died, because she, good soul, had relinquished any allowance from his pay, thinking her boy could do with the money. But a new regulation is now in force, and under it Mrs. Carless has been granted 5s. a week. If this is the best the Pensions Ministry can do, perhaps Walsall will set them a better example. It has erected a monument to its hero; it will not see his mother want.

Good for "Bad" Boys.

Our suggestion that boys at present in reformatories, so-called, should be released on the signing of Peace has aroused a great deal of interest. A father of eight, for instance, appeals for his eldest, now fourteen years of age, sentenced to an industrial school at Exeter "for a mere trifle" at 11 years of age. "Could not the lad be given another chance for his own benefit and mine," asks the father, "to help support the family, as I am the only breadwinner?" We hope he can, for in memory of the Peace we think he ought.

Teats for Tiny Teutons.

The Women's International League has supplied those million teats for babies in Germany, and seeks to make out that much of the money was subscribed by soldiers, fighting men and interned men, and by their relatives. It also dwells upon the gratitude of German mothers to their "English sisters." We have strong doubt whether the Women's International League would ever be so spry in providing teats for British babes.

The Money and the Man.

That unemployment donation, often denied to the worthy, sometimes goes gaily to rank wrong 'uns. A man at Plymouth, named Searle, described as a well-known blackguard, trapped a sailor into a certain house. Searle was sent to gaol for robbing the sailor, assaulting him and the police, and for living on the immoral earnings of a woman. He had the impudence to reply to the last charge by saying that he had no need to live on the woman's earnings—he was getting unemployment pay! Well, he will not draw it any longer, for his employment will be quite regular for a while.

Fools at the Food Control.

Headed "For Official Use," a certain local Food Committee received from the Ministry of Food, on May 5th, a Bread Order dated 11th April, explaining that "bread which has been made less than twelve hours may be sold or exposed or carried for sale or delivered under a contract" between 17th April and the 22nd April inclusive. The printer's references at the bottom, "35,000, 5/19," indicate that 35,000 copies of a circular obsolete on 22nd April were being reprinted in May and probably being sent in scores to all the Food Offices in the kingdom! This is how the limpets of the Ministry of Food are making work to keep their jobs.

Buck Up, Pros!

Professional football must be in a bad way when, in a match between Millwall and Linfield Olympic, at Belfast, one of the Millwall players kicks the referee in the abdomen so that the official collapses and has to leave the field, and another Millwall player is ordered off for abusive language to the referee who takes the injured man's place. Surely, it can't be our "old London Millwall"?

Justice Shallow Again.

A Thorverton girl of 15 stole a ten shilling note from the tea caddy of a neighbour, to whom she was paying a visit, and Messrs H. B. Varnell, H. J. Munro, and P. Kelland, sitting in the Exeter Children's Court, sent her to a reformatory for four years (and to Hell for life), though a House of Refuge was quite willing to take her. "The girl," says our report, "wept bitterly." We should not be surprised to learn that the Justices took snuff.

SIR ERIC GEDDES' £50,000.
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"Half a Mind."

The Llanelly Bench had half a mind to send David James, a haulier, of Llandyssil, to gaol for hitting his horse on the head with a piece of steel rail a yard long because it couldn't pull eight trams up a slope. Half-a-mind is about as much as they have between them. The horse had to be destroyed. The cruel blackguard got off with a fine of £20 inclusive. But if he had stolen a turnip, gaol would have been his portion.

Shirley Bird Gets the Worm.

We warn all whom it may concern to have no dealings with "Shirley and Kingsland, of 52, Waring Street, Leicester." A recently demobilised soldier advertised for a job as carpenter and handyman. He got a letter from the "firm" asking for full particulars, and then, when he had sent them, another requesting their "usual small registration fee of 3s." before putting him in touch with their clients. The firm are unknown at 52, Waring Street. 'Nuff said!

The Rights of the Father.

It was all very well to take a boy away from the house where his mother was living with a man not her husband, and put him in Hollow Meadows School, near Sheffield. But when the soldier father (a respectable man) is demobilised and is ready to take charge of the lad, why do the Magistrates send him back to the school, from which he had deserted? Since he ran away in January the boy has been working industriously and earning the praise of his employer. Has a father *no* rights?

Ploughing *and* Harrowing!

The owner of a house and 12 acres of grassland was ordered last year to plough 4 acres and sow with corn, on the promise that he would be indemnified in any losses that might be incurred. Being no farmer and having no implements, he had to get a practical man to do the job for him. The crop failed, incurring a total cash loss of £37 10s. A claim for this amount was sent in to the West Riding War Agricultural Expenses Committee, who, adding insult to injury, offer £15 in settlement, saying this sum is based on reports of experienced valuers. The owner declares there have been no valuers, experienced or otherwise, on his land. Perhaps they came at dead of night!

Torture in the Pit.

We are told that in one coal pit the ponies are taken out of the stables at six o'clock in the morning and "do not return until 9 o'clock at night, working all the time or doing what they can under the whip while serving three shifts of men." Perhaps the Inspectors of the R.S.P.C.A. round the Wheatley Hill district will keep their eyes open.

Still After the Girls.

Official announcement:—"Educated women wanted by the War Office for one year as motor-drivers and motor-cyclists to replace men demobilised from the R.A.S.C. Training free with pay at 25s. a week; when trained 38s. a week with uniform and other advantages." And ex-soldiers ask "Why women?" Surely the year's job and training would be welcomed by many a young man from the Army. It would give him a chance to earn a good living in civil life afterwards.

Coloured British Seamen.

We are glad to have moved the Board of Trade to assist these boycotted men. Any who are destitute and unable to obtain employment in the various ports will be repatriated; meanwhile they are to receive a subsistence allowance of 4s. a day. A few of the men at Glasgow have shipped on foreign boats, but British vessels still prefer Greeks and Spaniards. These coloured British claim a right to employment first after white Britons are served, and we cannot see why it is denied them.

Bail Refused.

Some Magistrates have a rooted objection to granting bail. At the Mansion House the other day a gentleman in Court offered £200 in cash as security for a prisoner's appearance at the Old Bailey, this tender being declined and bail refused on the absurd ground that, as the proposed surety was living in a furnished flat, he was not a "householder" in the technical sense of the term. Now that so many substantial people are in occupation of furnished apartments, there is no justification for this arbitrary rule.

A Food Controller for India.

We have reason to believe that a good deal of the Indian unrest is due to the inequalities of food distribution among the native population. The threat of famine is never far removed from the peoples of India, and we fancy that a far more useful innovation than any suggested by the Montagu-Chelmsford Report would be the appointment of a first-class Food Controller with extensive powers. It is the habit of our high-brow politicians to seek for remote explanations of social phenomena while neglecting the obvious cause that lies right under their noses.

The Everlasting "No."

A Glasgow postman for 32 years was superannuated, through spinal trouble, on 18s. 9d. a week, to maintain self and family. Hearing Civil Service pensions were increased, he politely asked the P.M.G. where he came in. This is what he was told: "Pensions to Civil Servants are fixed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and Their Lordships have stated that They"—(Note those capital T.s to the pronouns, as though Their Lordships are Divine!)—"have no power to grant increases of pensions in course of payment. The P.M.G. regrets that he is unable to assist you." Well, we must see what *we* can do.

Save Coal!

After more than four years in Eastern waters, one of H.M. Trawlers, arriving at Portland, before any shore leave was granted, was ordered to proceed to Milford Haven to fetch a windlass worth about £5. The journey there and back consumed some 30 tons of coal and cost the wages, etc., of 13 men. And they returned to Portland without the windlass—which had been sent to Hull before they started!

The Law of Bondage.

One of the foremost questions which the days of Peace will imperatively bring with them for parliamentary solution is marriage law reform—the reform of the laws of bondage. Detail for detail, almost every story of unhappy marriage might be told of thousands of couples. Desertion for three or four years on the part of man or woman ought to be ample grounds for divorce, independent of all others.

A Hun at Large?

This advert., clipped from a poultry paper, moves to many thoughts:—"Prisoner of War (German Miner) discharged, seeks opportunity of farm work; services in exchange board, lodging; age 33, single." If the thing really means what it says, we have the abominable spectacle of a German soldier, released from prison camp, freely seeking work in this country and accommodated by a newspaper with an address to receive his letters. We thought all Huns in our camps were to be sent home.

Kept In.

In Belfast War Hospital about fourteen R.A.M.C. men are irritated at being detained in the Service while younger men are discharged. They are all over 37, some over 40, most of them married and fathers. Also most of them joined up early, in 1914 or 1915. Also—again—some have employment awaiting them. These facts constitute the puzzle of why they are kept, at extra expense to the State for separation allowances and so on, while they see young single men demobilised to receive the unemployment donation. It does not suggest a Business War Office, does it?

The Uncontrolled Board.

The latest proud boast of the Board of Liquor Control is that there is the "greatest fall" in convictions for drunkenness in districts where they are in control—though it is admitted that, during the period 1915-18, "in police districts not controlled, convictions fell from 1,421 to 384." Naturally, the more you tie up a man's mouth the less he is able to drink; just as the more you tie up an ass's mouth, the less he is able to bray. But why thousands of people who are sober should be fooled about by a Board of Cranks because one man among them occasionally gets drunk, we cannot understand.

Insolence.

When a woman was before the Registrar of the Bloomsbury County Court the other day to show cause why she should not give up possession of her house, she explained that she had "eleven little children." The Registrar retorted she couldn't possibly have eleven little children. The embarrassed woman then said the eldest was 16, and the rest were all younger. "I should imagine they would be if the eldest is 16," insolently commented this elephantine wit in the seat of Justice; "there will be an order for possession in 14 days." Clearly the Registrar of the Bloomsbury County Court has yet to learn manners.

Belgium for Belgians.

There are still 250 Belgians working in Portsmouth Dockyard. On the books of Portsmouth Labour Exchange are 2,900 Britons out of work. Very many of those men have fought for Belgium. Surely the Belgians in the Dockyard might honourably endeavour to return home to their own land, now freed. Failing that, our own folk come first now.

"The Very Stones Cry Out."

We are glad to see that William Swift, of 84, Lower Street, Newcastle, has had his application for renewal of licence as lodging-house keeper refused. We have told, under this heading, how he carried out an old man of 76, to die on a doorstep, and escaped any sort of punishment. Like the Coroner's jury, we hope this disgraceful affair will be a lesson to him. But we doubt it.

Bribes for Landlords.

In a single issue of one of Glasgow's many newspapers are thirty advertisements by house hunters, offering from £5 to £20 for any modest sort of roof. This is, of course, open bribery, done in despair by people with some money, but it makes things terribly hard for people in the same strait without money to throw away. The system is iniquitous and, as we have said, ought to be made illegal.

"Fit for Heroes," etc.

"You won the war, boys!" shrieks the advertisement of the Acme Ladder Co., Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, S.W. "Now win an independent living with an Acme Window-Cleaning Outfit." In some instances an "Acme" might prove a ladder to affluence, if not to fame; and wet washleather might help to make life brighter—for somebody. But so would a barrel organ, for that matter; and a truck has to be purchased in both cases. War-worn heroes to polish the parlour windows of profiteers who stayed at home, somehow seems to fall short of Lloyd George's promise.

CANADIAN SOLDIER SCANDAL.

See page 8.

An Astounding Vicar.

In view of some of their beliefs, anybody may well hold strong opinions against Christian Scientists, but when a Vicar refuses to marry any of them on the ground that they "are not Christian in our sense of the word," and that "it would make a farce of the blessing of the Church," he is adopting an attitude of almost astounding intolerance and absurdity. This is the position of the Rev. Mr. Storrs, Vicar of Camberley, who protests he would "rather give up his living than officiate." He may be within his technical rights, but we should like to hear what his Bishop says.

More About Army Horses.

An ex-officer of the Salonika Army informs us that the cast Army horses and mules sold into Macedonia "are being badly treated, as everyone knew they would be." In his view, "the average inhabitant of Macedonia is quite unfit to have any beasts under his care, least of all those to which we owe so much." Our readers well know how often we and others have protested against the way in which the Government sells these four-footed veterans of our victory, against the people to whom they are sold, and against the brutality with which so many of the animals are eventually worked. But Ministers remain quite cold.

New Businesses for Foreigners.

Those Permits to open new business premises are not easy to obtain, the reason vouchsafed being a desire to save them for men released from the Colours—a very good reason, if intelligently acted upon. But it falls all to pieces, and goes by the board, when we find the Permit granted to foreign gentlemen who have not lifted a hand during the war except to pick up money.

Comparisons Odious.

Look on this picture: "One can see at Woolwich Labour Exchange, any morning except Saturday, scores of demobilised, discharged, and disabled men seeking a job or drawing the dole." And on this: "Then, if one will stand outside the gates of the Royal Arsenal or Dockyard at the end of the day's work, one sees a large number of girls leaving." Demobilised Tommy seems a back number.

Scrooge on the Screw.

"Ministry of Pensions," advertises the Salop Committee. "The Committee invite applications for the appointment of two clerical assistants." One is that of a shorthand typist, wages 35s., rising to 45s.; the other that of a general clerk, 30s., rising to 35s. "Preference will be given to men who have served in H.M. Forces." It is a pity to spoil so good an idea by so measly a pittance.

More Scrooge.

Considering the millions of taxpayers' money the Government have chucked into the gutter, their economy in parts is staggering. There is the case of Mrs. Wynn—the widow of the late Postmaster at Sandwich, in Kent. Wynn was in the Government service for 30 years, and though his widow and two children are left totally unprovided for and are in distress, the Postmaster-General, with the Prime Minister officially backing him, coolly "regrets that there is no authority under which a pension could be awarded." Isn't it time authority were created in such a case? The widow of a Postmaster-General, no matter how short his service, would doubtless get a pension, if she wanted one.

Another Question.

The miners seem quite willing to take all they can get—some of them, indeed, seem determined to get all they can take. But when it comes to the miner being called upon to share a small percentage of his "boodle" with those whose honour and loyalty forbid them to strike—well, that is another question. Lately, the local doctor to the Kirkconnel miners asked for a 50 per cent. increase on the flat rate of 3d. per week paid for drugs and medical attendance to their wives and families, but at a mass meeting of the miners the increase was refused by a clear majority. A beautiful thing, the socialistic spirit!

Welcome Home.

Private Nightingale has been on active service as a volunteer. On the day he recently returned to civil life his welcome home was a notice by the South Eastern Railway Company to quit his house. This was followed by a summons to appear at Hastings County Court, and though he has been tenant of the house 12 years, Judge Mackarness ordered him to clear out in three weeks to make way for servants of the Railway Company. In the face of this judicial eviction and others of the kind at Bexhill, the protection alleged to be afforded to tenants by recent legislation is seen in hard cases to be fallacious and illusory.

The Poor Old Teachers.

Last year, Parliament passed an Act to improve the salaries of elementary school teachers and their pensions. But teachers already superannuated were debarred from participating in the benefits of the new scale. This leaves very many of them in their declining years doomed to exist on a few shillings weekly. There is every reason why old pensions should be levelled up to the new rate. The aged recipients cannot need them long.

The Toototal Curse.

"Two Poor Invalids," ladies, writing from Bradford, say this: "It is a cruel injustice to sick people who have scarcely been able to pay 9s. a bottle for whisky, to have it increased to 10s. 6d. Brandy is quite out of the question for the poor; surely the Chancellor could have levied a tax on some of the luxuries of the rich, without putting an additional price on medicine essential to poor invalids." The Government don't care an Assouan for poor invalids. Also, even at 10s. 6d. a bottle, they don't produce the whisky.

"Swiss Preferred"!

This advertisement seems to deserve our pillory:—"Hotel, Experienced Man Cook required . . . Swiss preferred . . . Apply to Chef, Royal Exeter Hotel, Bournemouth." There are hundreds of ex-soldiers out of work in Bournemouth, and we guess the Exchange could supply an experienced cook from their ranks. But he would be British. And the Royal Exeter Hotel, more shame to it, prefers a Swiss. Somehow, we have an idea we know the kind of Swiss begged for. Such a preference, publicly expressed, is a disgrace to the town and to the hotel.

Maids and Labour Exchanges.

A grunt from a South Kensington resident bears out our recent comment on the failure of the Labour Exchanges to do the work of the best registry offices; "The Government tell us to apply to the Exchanges. Well, on applying for a housemaid at £35, all found, I was told none was available, unless they slept out. 'Then send them on,' said I, 'so that my wife can interview them.' None was sent. I again called at the Exchange. One was promised, but nobody called. I asked for a daily help in the kitchen at 3s. 6d. a day, all found. One was promised; none came." Doubtless the long-drawn-out orgie of the unemployment dope has a great deal to do with the present refusal of women to return to domestic service, but it is very doubtful whether the Labour Exchanges are in any case in a position to handle intelligently the servant question at all.

Earl's Court.

Open spaces and green grass not being too common in London, it will be well to watch what becomes of that large stretch of ground lying between Earl's Court and West Kensington. It used to be the site of various Exhibitions, and is now being vacated by Belgian refugees. The speculative builder must not lay his hands upon it.

Milk and Water.

Arthur Edward Pullen, the Gotherington farmer who was fined £21 odd at Cheltenham for unconscionably adulterating his milk, "had no explanation to give," as he "could not account for the adulteration unless it was the act of his servants." The wonder is that Pullen didn't allege that he left his churns in the rain, but as he has been convicted of a similar offence previously, the chances are that the Magistrates would still have assumed that he was not only a practised milk faker, but a deplorable liar. He should give up milk and obtain a licence to sell whisky.

Justice *is* Blind.

Judge Graham might adjudicate to better advantage if he had a stroll around the town now and then with his eyes and ears open. At Bow County Court the other day, when a debtor of 59 said he could not see how he was to live now that his Out-of-Work Dole was stopped, as he could not get work, the Worshipful Judge retorted: "That won't do for me!" But it is distressfully true. A man of 59, even though he be a printer's manager, is "not wanted nowadays." Until all the younger men are absorbed in industry, the older ones stand a poor chance.

Suspended Animation.

The Works and Buildings Department of the Air Ministry was called into being long ago to construct new aerodromes. Its operations ceased last December, but it maintains its expensive staffs at many aerodromes throughout the country, whose most arduous labours for months have consisted in drawing their pay. Sir John Hunter is Chief of this Department, and it surprises us that it has not yet occurred to him that the work his large and costly staffs are *not* doing might be performed quite as efficiently by the Air Construction Service, thereby not only saving much public money, but at the same time releasing hundreds of skilled men for the work of Reconstruction.

Watch this figure GROW!
The Number of Claims already Paid under our Free Fire Insurance is: **69**
For Registration Forms see page 20.

The Hun Husband.

We don't suppose there is much need to issue a warning to maiden Englishwomen to remain single rather than marry a horrible Hun, but it might be as well to tell the English wives of Germans in process of deportation that if they elect to accompany their husbands to Germany they may, on arrival, be rudely made aware that wife beating is sanctioned by the law of Prussia, and that some Hun husbands make a practice of giving their wives a weekly thrashing. Wife beating is not unknown in England, but here the injured helpmate can always secure the protection of the police, which is denied to her in Germany.

It Must Not Be.

Bourne Magistrates have made an Order of Ejectment in a month's time from a cottage at Langtoft against a man, wife and three children, on the plea that a farmer needs the house. There is not another cottage anywhere to shelter that family; must they be turned out on the roadside? The Boston Magistrates, not far away, refused an Ejectment Order in a similar case, although the farmer had offered other premises, which were considered unsuitable. The Langtoft man said he would write to JOHN BULL, and was told he could write where he liked. Well, he has done so, and we have an idea that he and his will not be cast out in a hurry. There must be a roof to cover them.

A Many-sided Man.

The Chairman of the Harrow Council as the holder of a multitude of offices is easily beaten by Mr. D. Weston, of D. Weston & Co., the well-known Enfield Billposters. Chairman for many years of eight bill-posting companies, he has besides filled the following honorary positions: Member of Enfield District Council 21 years, Chairman 10 years; Overseer 13 years, Chairman 10 years; Chairman Enfield Tribunal; Chairman P. of W. Fund; Chairman Enfield and Edmonton Joint Hospital Board; Guardian 18 years, on every committee, including Edmonton Military Hospital; member Middlesex County Council 15 years, and on 5 committees; member Middlesex Joint Hospital Board many years; member Middlesex District Councils Association, treasurer many years; member Metropolitan Water Board; Governor Enfield Grammar School; Governor Enfield Technical Schools; trustee Alexandra Palace. If he is looking for a light job to occupy his spare time, we might be able to put him on to one.

Hurry Up!

If you want to win the £1,000 "Bullets" prize you must send in this week. Over 8,000 other valuable prizes are also to be won.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

Summer arrives before her time —
A "flying" visit to our clime?

The beaten Germ-hund's savage gnashing
Deserves from Foch a further thrashing.

Why should the "thing" remain unknown
To whom such favour has been shown?

Strange how inordinately fond
Of hotels is Sir Alfred Mond!

Candid Communications.

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties and occasionally Nonentities.

To Her Grace the Duchess of Bedford.

DEAR DUCHESS,—It was very nice to see a picture in the Press of your Pekingese taking an airing in a specially-designed perambulator, with pneumatic-tyred wheels, drawn by a Shetland pony. It is also sad to hear from you that the poor dog, "Che Foo," died early in the war. But there *were* others who died early in the war, and not all their children have special prams drawn by ponies. The pony follows you up and down stairs without leading, does he? So should I if I'd been made to drag a blessed Pekingese. JOHN BULL.

To the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, R.C. Bishop of Galway.

MONSIGNOR,—You say that the marriage of a Catholic with a Protestant is a mortal sin; that without the Roman Catholic sanction it is not marriage, but "concubinage before God"; and finally you hint at the excommunication of Catholics who marry before a Protestant clergyman. I do indeed pity the state of mind of any man or any woman, Protestant or Roman Catholic, who allows his or her free choice in marriage to be restrained or dominated by prelatical suggestions so outrageous and insulting. JOHN BULL.

To His Worship the Mayor of Eastbourne.

MY DEAR MAYOR,—What is this nonsense I hear about the Corporation prohibiting the use of the motor *chars-a-banc* on Sunday, notwithstanding that they do not ply for hire, and that their excursions are confined to persons who have booked their seats in advance? This system exists everywhere else throughout the country, and in forbidding it in Eastbourne you are doing the town a great injustice—especially as there is nothing to prevent the influx of vehicles from other towns, such as Hastings, Brighton, and Worthing. But then, I suppose, the people who come on these trips are expected to spend their time on the Pier—the shareholders in which, I notice, are well represented on the Corporation! JOHN BULL.

To Percy C. Hopper, Esq., Station Superintendent, South Eastern and Chatham Railway, Victoria.

DEAR MR. HOPPER,—On behalf of the millions of Tommies and Jacks who have passed through Victoria during the war, permit me to thank you for the courtesy and attention you have always given to them—in many cases your prompt help saving the men from severe punishment for "breaking leave." I understand that you have been made an M.B.E., but never mind, although it *does* "put you amongst the girls" who took tea in various Government offices from ten to four. Your reward is in the appreciation of the men you assisted.
JOHN BULL.

To Mr. L. M. Bott, Dallance Farm, Waltham Abbey.

DEAR FARMER,—It seems that poor old Baines had worked for you for the past fifteen years, finding sleeping quarters in an outbuilding on the farm. Although you knew the old chap was ill, you appear to have troubled yourself very little about his comfort or well-being, until finally he was found dead in the out house among the straw and tools. At the inquest it was stated that Baines had suffered from chronic lung disease—in spite of which apparently he had managed to serve you well. Do you think you did your whole duty by the man? JOHN BULL.

To Sir Henry Davies, Controller, P.O. Savings Bank.

SIR,—You are holding up deposit books and thus delaying the presentation of warrants for money withdrawals. W. King, Army B. No. 189894, has "had a withdrawal order waiting now since March 11th," and though he has "written for his book twice," he has "not even received a reply." Of course, if the Government have spent all the War Loan and squandered all the War Bonds and are delaying withdrawals until they get that £10,000,000,000 indemnity from Ebert, Schiedeman, Rantzau & Co., I admit you are not wholly to blame. But go and inquire, please. JOHN BULL.

To Edward Jones, Esq., Maesmawr Hall, Montgomeryshire.

SIR,—You are ex-High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire. I hope you will never be Sheriff again. For when you presume to say that you don't know what British agriculture would have done without the German prisoners, and hope that soldiers won't "insult or *slight* local prisoners in any way"—well! words fail me. I shouldn't wonder if the soldiers slight, even if they don't insult, *you*. JOHN BULL.

To the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for War.

DEAR MR. CHURCHILL,—I am quite prepared to agree with you, in advance, that an Army officer who cannot carry his liquor should mount the water wagon without delay; nevertheless, it is sometimes hard lines when a man is robbed of his gratuity. In one case brought to my notice, a lieutenant had rendered splendid service in the field, no complaint of any sort having been made of his behaviour until he was back in London celebrating the Allied victory—not wisely but too well. In such circumstances, I cannot think the extreme penalty was justified. What is your view? JOHN BULL.

To Arthur Paterson, Esq., Chairman, Lambeth Carlton Club.

DEAR SIR,—I am delighted to hear that the Committee of your very admirable Club have decided to permit the members to play bowls on its capacious green on Sundays. Yours may not be the first political Club in London thus to encourage and invite its members to this recreative and recuperative Sunday sport. It is, however, the first that I have heard of; and as I conceive there is more good and less nuisance on Sundays in playing bowls than in grinding gramophones and sedentarily snoring, it affords me pleasure to congratulate the Committee, through you, on their happy and exemplary decision. JOHN BULL.

AFTER FORTY-SIX YEARS.

SHOCKING SHUNT ON THE L. & Y. RAILWAY.

When it comes to preaching economy to other people, the Government are all there. When it comes to bleeding the public through extortionate railway fares for rotten accommodation, the Government are all there, too. When it comes to—but here is the letter: "Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, Goods Department, Oldham, March 1st, 1919.—To Gatekeeper P. O'Neill, Hartford. As you will be 70 years of age on March 15th next I am sorry to say that in accordance with the Company's regulations it will be necessary for you to then retire from the service. I therefore have to give you 14 days' notice that you will be required to leave the service on March 20th. I must congratulate you on having been able to remain with us so long, and the Company appreciate your work during the many years you have been in the service, about 46 years.—Yours respectfully, F. Bentley." For forty-six years O'Neill has been in the service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway without a black mark against him, yet at 70 years of age the Goods Agent is allowed to kick him into the gutter with canting congratulations—and not so much as a daily loaf of bread for a pension chucked after him. From 1873 until 1914 the Company paid him 17s. 10d. a week; from 1914 till the present they gradually advanced his wages — probably not because they wanted to—to £2 12s. 5d.; how in the name of mercy could the man save, and how now, still "well and hearty," as he says he is, can he "live till he dies?" Is there any word in the English dictionary adequately to stigmatise such a shocking shunt?

MUCH GLORY, BUT NO HOPE.

DOLE FOR CIVILIANS—TOLL FOR HEROES.

He joined up at six in the morning on the day war was declared, leaving behind him a wife and a baby just a twelvemonth old. He became a Sergeant. He was killed in May, 1915. One of the old brigade; one of the lads we are so proud of. And his widow, Mrs. Mary L. Hearder, of Newport, Mon., has not yet got his War Gratuity—not to mention the 20 per cent. or "alternative pension" which was to have been paid from the beginning of the year. But then, as she says, she's only a sergeant's widow, and if her husband volunteered so quickly instead of stopping at home and making munitions—well, as the neighbours say, "he was a soldier at heart." He couldn't rest easy while there were wrongs to be righted—though some of the mandarins of Whitehall seem quite able to do so; perhaps it's because they've had so much practice. And so, apparently, his widow doesn't matter. Case after case comes before us of neglect of living heroes and of the dependents of those who have gone. Mrs. Hearder herself brings to our notice that of a man who volunteered in October, 1914, and was not a hero only because he broke down and was invalided out in January, 1916. Since then he has received £3 5s. gratuity and has been promised a disablement gratuity. The promise was made twelve months ago—and the "out-of-works" get 29s. a week, on the nail. So this poor man tramps about looking for the work he can't get because of his war disabilities till he faints by the way; and the Poor Law does for him what the War Law ought. We will now sing "Land of Hope and Glory."

SPRING CLEAN WANTED.

DISGUSTING STATE OF HOUSES NOW VACATED.

Owners of houses that were commandeered for billets are loud in their lamentations over what has happened to their property. We invite the attention of No. 9 Area Quartering Committee, located on Woolwich Common, to a brief statement regarding one large house taken over by them—not because it is the worst case of the lot, for others in the same locality are said to have suffered even more. The house was commandeered at a rental amounting to much less than paid by an ordinary tenant. When the landlord re-entered in March he was horrified at the state of affairs. Nearly all fixtures had been removed or smashed, inclusive of bells, shelves, door-handles and dresser-drawers. The rooms were indescribably filthy, besides being littered with rotten straw. Ceilings and walls had been swamped by water from burst pipes, no precautions having been taken to prevent such happenings. The wanton damage within was continued outside, for all trellis-work had vanished and fencing was broken down. The owner could but lift his hands in horror; never a floor had been washed; every drain was blocked. But neighbours told him his house was not so bad as others! Claims for damage and dilapidation have been put in, so far without any result. The owner is still hopeful enough to think, if an official of the Q.M.G. Department would but inspect the property, the claim would be met promptly, if ony to cover up the shame that is at present so plain to see, and which reflects no credit upon the pachydermatous authorities concerned, who seem impervious to criticism.

SIR ERIC GEDDES' £50,000.

CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCANDAL WHICH CALLS FOR PUBLIC PROTEST.

By Charles Palmer (*Assistant Editor*).

IT is surely time that the public took notice of that £50,000 which the North Eastern Railway Company have voted to Sir Eric Geddes. Did I say the North Eastern Railway? Technically the Company have found the money, but actually the tax-payers, you and I and all of us, have to find the money. And make no mistake about it—there is nothing technical in the payment; the hand of the North Eastern as definitely goes into our pockets as if a pickpocket had been there. Let this be understood at the outset. I am making no personal charge against Sir Eric Geddes. If there were any personal charge to be made, in the public interest I should not hesitate for one instant. It is the principle involved which concerns all of us. Assume for the sake of argument that Sir Eric is the superman we are so frequently told he is, assume for the same reason that the country could not do without him, and added to the assumption is the solid fact that he draws £5,000 for his Ministerial services. Now you may say that with the value of the sovereign what it is to-day, £5,000 is not sufficient. But it is what Mr. Lloyd George gets—"the man who won the war," and whatever may be our views in the matter of indemnities, the man who has done his best to win us a good peace.

I saw the other day a calculation which came to this: that when you have deducted income and supertax, and calculated the present purchasing price of the £, Mr. Lloyd George is getting £1,600 a year—little enough in all conscience for the man who is running the nation and the Empire, so far as Mr. Wilson will let him. How does this affect Sir Eric Geddes? Well, when he was with the Railway Company he got £8,000 a year. Like many another good man who gave up much, he elected to do his bit and joined the Government. He became a Major-General and organised railway transport in France. Then he was made Admiralty Controller and incidentally a Vice-Admiral. Now he is the new Minister of Ways and Communications—and this is where the £50,000 story really begins.

It appears that when he made his bargain with the North Eastern, it was agreed that if ever the railways were nationalised, he was to be bought out. Who made the agreement and whether the shareholders were a party to it, is worthy of question. But here is the hard and unpleasant fact. Sir Eric appears to have come to the conclusion that nationalisation was only a question of time, and his conscience was further troubled by the fact that as a Cabinet Minister he couldn't very well take an active part in a policy which might lead to nationalisation if there was a possibility of his making a fortune out of it. And so, in order to ease his conscience, and leave his hands free, to give him an open mind—save the mark!—he came to the conclusion that the North Eastern Company had better anticipate what is by no means inevitable, and compensate him just as if he had still been the Deputy General Manager of the North Eastern, and he had been done out of his job by the action of the State. So someone, somehow, voted him £50,000.

Now, if the North Eastern shareholders valued Sir Eric's services so highly that they paid him £50,000 because he terminated those services, I should be the last to complain. They can do as they like with their money. But, if I am not very much mistaken, this money I repeat is not their money—it's mine and yours. And what right has any company, at a time when the State is standing "Sammy" for the loss on the railways, to throw away £50,000 on one of the supermen of the Government who is already taking £5,000 a year—which I am sure he earns, by the way—out of our pockets? Like generous shareholders, we might have been inclined to be nice to this railway magnate if State Control had brought us in a pleasant profit. As a matter of fact, it has resulted in a colossal loss. Incidentally, when Smillie, Webb, Money & Co are howling for the nationalisation of the mines, we—who will have to bear the loss, if loss there be—have a right to inquire very closely into the experience of State management during the war. We know that on all hands there has been waste, muddle and dishonesty. Millions of money might just as well have been thrown away as found by the suffering and burdened tax-payer for such "services" as Ministers have thought fit to control.

We know that as the result of the State working of the railways there is a deficit of more than £120,000,000 a year. We know, too—for Sir Eric's brother, Sir Auckland, has told us—that railway expenditure has grown from £75,000,000 in the year before the war to £184,000,000 in the current financial year. So enormous has been the waste, so colossal the muddle, that perhaps a paltry £50,000 doesn't matter. But it does matter. If a man chooses to give up a business position to become a Minister of State, with all its influence and prerogatives, he has no right to supplement his Ministerial income by a fortune of £50,000 (paid, I am told, free of income tax) out of State funds, but not voted by the State. Moreover, it is a scandal that, because there is a chance of nationalisation, Sir Eric Geddes should be permitted, at this time, when the country is not far off bankruptcy, to make the best of both worlds—to get £50,000 in advance of nationalisation and then to gain all the kudos as the heaven-sent Minister who is to be autocrat of the railways. Time was when such a scandal would have moved Parliament to immediate and drastic action. But with the exception of a few live and independent men, the present House of Commons is made up of Coupon sycophants and ticket-trimmers. But the awakening will come, and when it does, one of the first acts of a real Parliament will be to make Sir Eric Geddes disgorge that £50,000.

THE CHILLINESS OF CHARITY.

MANY FUNDS, BUT NO HELP FOR AGED WIDOWS.

A well-disposed reader at Manor Park, N., was anxious to help two poor old widowed ladies, of 90 and 82 years, who had fallen on evil times. He started the ball rolling with explanatory letters of appeal to the Society for the Relief of Distress, the Universal Beneficent Society, and the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, but, alas, there was "nothing doing." Both the old ladies being of a godly turn of mind, their patron felt justified in approaching the Aged Pilgrims Friend Society, whose aim is to assist "poor, aged and infirm Protestant Christians," and others who can "give Scriptural testimony" that they are "of the household of faith," but once more a blank was drawn, as was also the case with the Widows' Friend Society—applicants to be "in communion with some section of the Christian Church." Almost despairing of any response, our friend turned finally to the Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Association, the Secretary of which politely intimated, however, that he could not touch an application with the end of a pitch-fork, so to speak, until he was satisfied that the aged women were "ladies in social position." Meanwhile, as the Society for the Relief of Distressed Widows could not help anyone who had been more than a month without a husband, and the Charity Organisation Society were as busy as usual finding good reasons why nothing should be done, the poor old ladies have had to get along as best they can on the State pension—and so the story ends, without the "happy ever after" tag.

BRAINS NOT ENCOURAGED.

INVENTION ANNEXED WITHOUT RECOMPENSE.

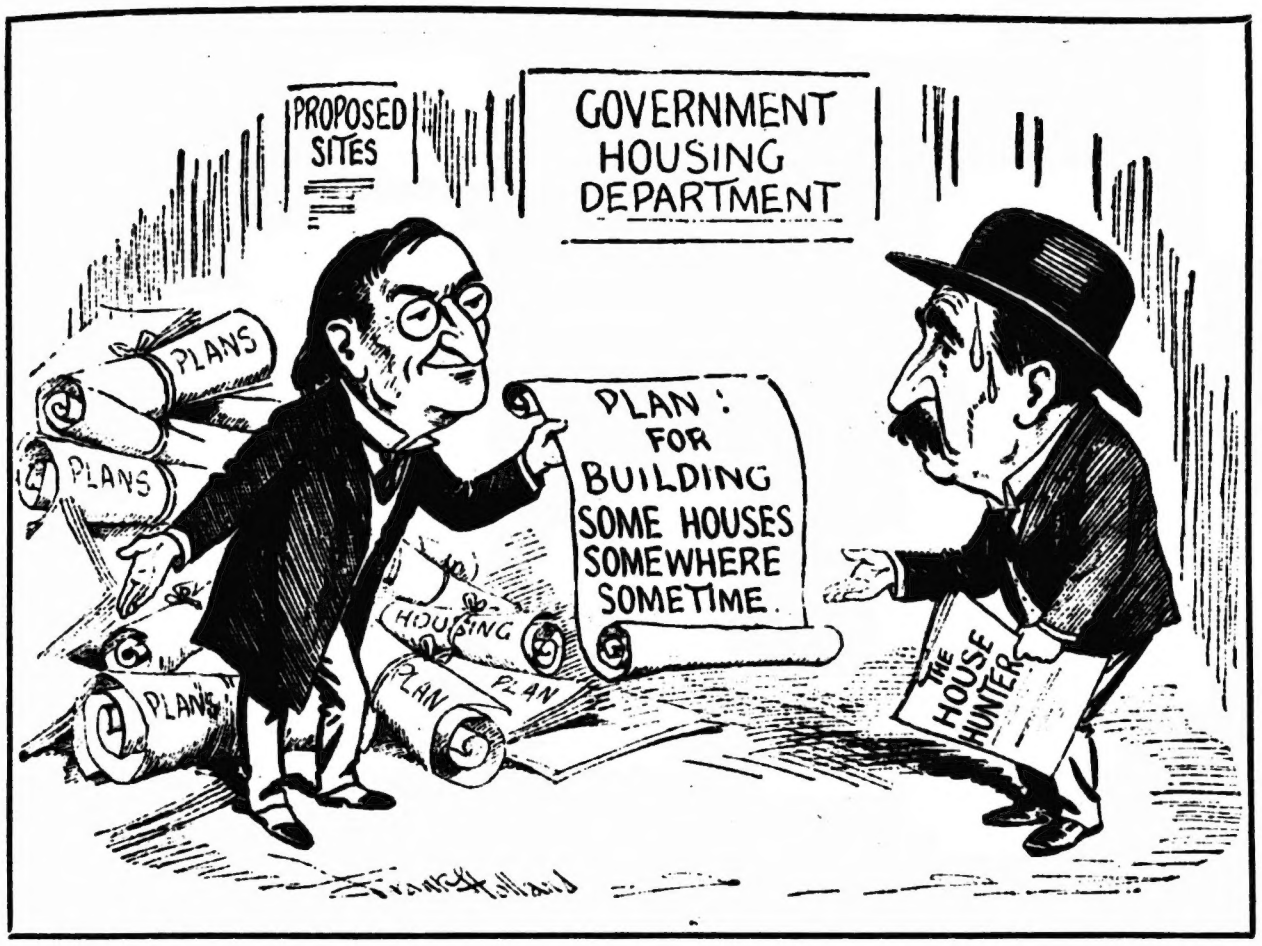
About the middle of April last a fire occurred in the Record Office of the Wages Department at Woolwich Arsenal. Thousands of documents were then destroyed—some can probably never be replaced. Contemplating other such catastrophes in Army Pay Offices throughout the country, Mr. Robert Waring, late Acting Paymaster in the Army Pay Office at Woolwich, invented a card-index system which practically duplicated the details of every soldier's account. The advantage of the system was so manifest that it was put into practice at the Woolwich Pay Office, and adopted by 22 other Pay Offices, and the cards are officially referred to as "the Waring Cards." However, Mr. Waring has not received the smallest reward. He says his Colonel promised to place his name on the next list for promotion, but the promotion did not materialise, and since his resignation all his efforts to obtain a cash recognition have failed. Mr. Waring estimates the value of his invention at £50 for each of the 23 Pay Offices where it has been in use; the War Office disputes his claim to a single farthing. This repudiation, considered in the ethical sense, is, in plain English, robbery, for it robs this man of the product of his brain. According to the official theory put forward, this card-index belongs not to Mr. Waring, but to the Army authorities, who are at liberty to put it into use when and where they please by the simple process of uncompensated appropriation. It is about as mean and unprincipled as giving a blind man a bad ha'penny and stealing his dog.

A VETERAN'S PLEA.

PATHETIC STORY FROM FATHER OF HILL 60 HERO.

We had a call the other day from the father of a brave lad killed at Hill 60, an old man 83 years of age, himself a veteran of the Crimea, without a pension. Naturally the authorities are very grateful to this old soldier—they have granted him an allowance of 10s. a week. This, with the State pension of 7s. 6d. weekly, would have made up nicely, but as soon as the Old Age Pension authorities heard of the windfall they got busy and knocked 4s. a week off his pension, leaving him 13s. 6d. all told. Now the old man may be extravagant, but he declares that he cannot "live respectable" on 13s. 6d., so, very sadly, for he is a man justly proud, his thoughts are turning to the Workhouse. With this bleak prospect in view, he had one or two questions to ask us. If he swallowed his pride and went into "the House," would he be allowed a shilling or two weekly "out of his pension" for a pipe of tobacco, and—dare he mention it—a glass of beer? It was not pleasant to tell the fine old fellow that if he went to the Workhouse he would lose his pension altogether, and that his modest requirements in the way of 'baccy and beer would be at the mercy of the Guardians. We tried to cheer the poor old chap, remembering his boy's fine sacrifice, and wondering whether it could not, by some means or other, be arranged that he should have the extra few shillings weekly needed to save his independence, which is probably what he means when he lays stress on the "'baccy and beer." After all, it can't be for long.

FOR THE HOUSE-HUNGRY.



In olden times they gave a stone to those who asked for bread; And those who pine for houses now receive a plan instead!

WOUNDED AND SPURNED.

BITTER PENALTY OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In spite of a strong appeal to the Guildhall Tribunal, Mr. W. R. Bowman, the assistant manager of Chas. Bowman, Ltd., a King Street, Tower Hill, firm of engravers and manufacturers of dry colours for printing inks, etc., was ordered for enlistment under the Military Service Acts. The man's position in civil life was excellent. But his contract contained a hidden pitfall. It was agreed from the outset that if at any time he should from any cause be absent from his duties for the space of 12 months, the appointment should be automatically cancelled, though it was never contemplated that the assistant manager might be absent from his duties for more than 12 months on the service of the King. However, Bowman joined the Army, and in October, 1917, having been badly wounded, was admitted to the Hampstead Military Hospital, where he underwent several operations. In January, 1918, a year had elapsed since the man's enlistment. He was looking forward to the resumption of his former business, for which he had the keenest enthusiasm, and was still as fit as ever. But the Company made no straightforward offer to reinstate the assistant manager on the old terms. Unless he was prepared to accept an altered status, never clearly defined, they were prepared to take ruthless advantage of his position. Finally the cruel absence proviso descended like a guillotine to cut short a promising commercial career. The ex-soldier now finds himself out of employment, and what is worse, faced with other harsh clauses of the original agreement, framed under peace conditions, by which he undertook not to engage in any similar business within 10 miles of London, or to enter into any dealings with clients of the old firm. We venture to doubt, however, whether the restrictions in the agreement—known as the "radius clause"—could be enforced at law, as they would probably be held to be unreasonable and in restraint of trade.

GIRLS, GAMMON AND JOB SNATCHING.

ABERDEEN CHEMIST FIRM TELLS THE TALE.

For over twenty years, from boy to man, ex-Sergt. Frank Milne, of the 2nd Field Co., Royal Engineers, was in the employ of William Davidson, Ltd., Wholesale Druggists, Palmerston Road, Aberdeen; and in the words of Mr. Alex. C. Bonner, the managing director, he was "a very faithful servant." At the outbreak of the war Milne was a Territorial, and was mobilised on 5th August, 1914. Just previous to his demobilisation in March last, he applied to Mr. Bonner for his release as a "guarantee man." But Mr. Bonner had other notions in regard to ex-Sergeant Milne. "Dear Frank," he replied, "I had your letter, but had no thought of applying for you, as meantime I have no intention of reinstating all my staff, finding that it is impossible to do so. The Government, when war broke out, gave the ordinary commercial business of the country little consideration as to how they were to carry on business"—we wish they had given as much consideration as to how the country was to carry on the war—"and as you are well aware, the whole of my counter staff left me. I had therefore to look about for someone to carry on the drug department of my business. Fortunately for me I got three men, and engaged them on the understanding that I would keep them as part of my permanent staff at the cessation of hostilities. . . . I may say I am prepared to take back a few of my former employees, but only the matter of six or seven, as I have found several of the girls whom I have employed doing very well, and it would be unfair to dismiss them after serving me well during the past years." Mr. Bonner evidently resents the fact that the Government did not adequately carry on the war for the benefit of Bonner. While men like Milne were fighting, Bonner was filling their places with civilians who ate their bread-and-butter in war on the assurance that they should be allowed to steal it in peace!

BARE EXISTENCE.

OLD AGE PENSIONER'S WEEKLY BUDGET.

Hundreds of thousands of men and women, many of whom doubtless could obtain employment if they wished, are drawing their weekly substantial Out-of-Work Dole, while thousands of Old Age Pensioners, whose life's work has been well and faithfully done, exist on the verge of starvation, on the miserable pittance allowed them under the bountiful "Ninepence for Fourpence" Act. Here is the weekly balance-sheet of one of them: Income: Old Age Pension, 7s. 6d.; from Oddfellows Club, 3s. 1½d.—Total, 10s. 7½d. Expenditure: lodgings, 3s. 6d.; coals, 1s. 9d.; paraffin and candles, 1s. 4d.; bread, 1s.; margarine, 6d.; tea and sugar, 8d.; milk, 6d.; washing, mending, boot repairing, club, stamps and doctor's fees, average per week, 1s.—Total, 10s. 3d. leaving a balance of 4½d. weekly with which to purchase meat, bacon, cheese, jam, beer, tobacco, and other luxuries, not to mention a contribution to the collection bag at Church on Sundays. The standard of civilisation may be judged by the way children and old people are cared for. Shall we be civilised some day?

JUSTICE WITHOUT MERCY.

POOR FAMILY SUFFER FOR A BOY'S LAPSE.

John Henry Day, only 16, is a farm "labourer," of Denver, near Downham Market. Father is ill—and cannot work; there are seven children younger than John, and the family of ten live on 29s. a week. For over a week they had been without potatoes, and John stole 8½ lbs. of them from a farm—for the Sunday dinner. A poor-looking lad, wretchedly clothed—so wretchedly that he was asked whether he had a shirt on—whilst in regard to a "piece of comforter," as the reporter described it, pinned round his neck, he explained that he was wearing it because he had several boils—he was brought before the Downham Magistrates, who told him that property of farmers must be protected; that they could send him to gaol; and that the penalty for him to pay was 25s. We are sorry for the Day family; sorry for the boy's lapse; and sorry that he is now out of work. Take 25s. from 29s., and 4s. remains for the seven days' keep of a family of ten people. It is a never-ceasing cause for wonderment that Country Magistrates so often fail to temper justice with mercy. There was no other complaint against the boy; he is a good worker—this "labourer" of 16. For his one false step, in taking potatoes for hungry mouths at home, the sum he was made to pay was crushing and cruel.

RUINED BY A RAID.

WOES OF A WOODBRIDGE WIDOW.

On the night of 12th August, 1915, there took place a destructive air raid on the little town of Woodbridge, in Suffolk. A fireman named Turner turned out for duty, accompanied by one of his sons. The father was struck down and killed by his son's side, who himself received injuries resulting in the loss of a leg, permanent loss of the use of an arm, and a shattered nervous system. A grateful Government allows this broken man 7s. 6d. a week on which to live. As a result he has to rely for his support mainly upon his mother, who received no compensation for the death of her husband when on duty after 29 years' faithful service to the town. It is true she gets some small allowance in respect of three sons who are serving, but not enough to protect these highly respectable people from the bitter pinch of poverty. There is something rotten in a Government that pays substantial out-of-work doles to the lazy, and at the same time allows innocent victims of German brutality to hunger.

CANADIAN SOLDIER SCANDAL.

CONCEALED DEATH AND HURRIED BURIAL AT SHORNCLIFFE CAMP.

THIS painful story begins with a tragic episode that occurred last November in the Mess Room of the Canadian Camp, at Shorncliffe. It was just about the dinner-time on Tuesday, November 12th, when a fight between two dogs belonging to the regiment led to a serious dispute and ultimately to an exchange of blows between a trumpeter, named Duncan, and Private A. J. Langridge, of the Canadian Army Service Corps. In the course of the scuffle, Langridge fell heavily to the ground, sustaining such injury to the base of the skull that he died a few hours later, on the point of admission to the Moore Barracks Hospital. Within a short time of the man's death, the following reference was made to the matter in the columns of JOHN BULL:—

> A Canadian soldier died on November 12th, in the hospital at Shorncliffe. Notification was sent to his father at 10.30 p.m., nine days afterwards—the man, of course, having been buried in the meantime. Somebody blundered here!

We might have said with truth that there was a whole chapter of tragic blundering—and worse. Looking squarely at the facts, we are entitled to arraign the Canadian authorities at Shorncliffe for the grossest impropriety in the conduct of the whole proceedings subsequent to Langridge's death. First of all, there was the failure of the Canadian authorities to send prompt notification of death to the man's relatives. It is when we look at its far-reaching results that the true significance of this omission becomes apparent. Two days after the man's death, an inquest was held at Shorncliffe. Ignorant of their son's unhappy fate, the parents were not represented at that inquiry, and, indeed, it was only by hearsay that they became acquainted with its results. The jury's verdict of "Death from Misadventure" was never officially conveyed to the relatives. For some reason or other, the authorities were determined to conceal the cause of the man's death, and in pursuing this end they showed little scruple. The mode of concealment amounted to positive deceit. The Coroner's inquest, at which the full facts were disclosed, was held on November 14th. A week later, an official at the Canadian Records Office, writing to express "the sympathy and regret of the Militia Council," had the hardihood to assert that the cause of death was "not yet stated," whereas seven days earlier it had been established beyond question that Langridge had met his death from injuries received in a fight with Trumpeter Duncan!

"KEEPING IT QUIET."

Baulked of their undoubted right to attend the inquest, the relatives were also robbed of the opportunity of paying their last tribute of affection to the dead soldier. The body of Private Langridge was buried on Saturday, November 16th, five days prior to the date of the telegram acquainting the father of his son's death. Before any of the man's relatives could arrive on the scene, before such personal inquiries as bereaved affection might prompt could be set on foot, both the inquest and the funeral were to be got out of the way. Indeed, in their eagerness to hurry on the obsequies the authorities added still another "blunder" to the tragic tale. "What his comrades and workmates felt most hurt about," wrote a corporal in the same regiment, "was the fact that he was buried at 10 a.m. on the Saturday morning without our being notified. We all marched to the mortuary to pay our last respect to him at 3 p.m., when he should have been buried as arranged, and found out that we were following the body of a cavalry trooper and not our friend and comrade." This scandalous contempt for a soldier's memory was of a piece with the callous indifference displayed by the authorities from the moment of his death. The parents kept for nine days in ignorance of their son's death, the painful circumstances of the fatality even then concealed, a false statement as to the cause of death signed by a responsible official at the Canadian Records Office, the feelings of the man's comrades flouted, their loyalty turned to mockery at the solemn service of burial, and these shameful incidents combine to create a scandal of the most wanton type! In such circumstance the policy of "Hush!" has no sanctity for us.

As soon as ever he had gathered the first inkling of the truth, the dead soldier's father visited the Camp and commenced independent inquiries. Their conspiracy of silence having broken down, the authorities could scarcely refuse satisfacti—onbut now that the Coroner's inquest was out of the way and the intrusion of the Civil law at an end, high-handed militarism had little to fear. At the instance of the relatives a Court of Inquiry was set up, but this, of course, was a purely military tribunal sitting in private, and again the family were unrepresented. For particulars of what transpired the father had to rely upon a typewritten summary furnished by Headquarters, and with this travesty of a judicial investigation he is expected to appear to be content.

ANOTHER "MISTAKE."

There is one important point, however, in the official report of the proceedings that calls for special notice. It is alleged by the Canadian military authorities that, following the death of Langridge, they requested the Civil police to arrest Trumpeter Duncan, but that the police officer in charge at Shorncliffe declined to do so. We have every reason to believe that this is an impudent travesty of the truth, or perhaps we had better be content with saying another "mistake." This tragic case has been handled with such a complete want of candour that it bristles with suspicion and mystery at every turn. In civil life, Trumpeter Duncan would doubtless have been placed on trial for manslaughter, and the motives surrounding the case held up to the light of day. It may not be possible to quash the Coroner's inquisition, although obviously the inquiry was conducted in the most unsatisfactory circumstances, but it is the clear duty of the authorities to set on foot an impartial judicial investigation at which the family of the dead soldier may be represented. Not till then shall we have full knowledge of the circumstances attending the death of Private Langridge, a soldier with scars and credit won in the service of the King.

IN THE HOUSE.

THE EDITOR'S WEEK'S WORK IN PARLIAMENT.

DURING the past week I have been hammering away at the question of Indemnities. It is obvious that, as the draft Treaty at present stands, any payments made by Germany are practically confined to reparation for damage, as distinguished from reimbursement of the cost of the war—and this will not do at all. In response to a strong appeal from Mr. Bonar Law, I postponed my motion for the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to the matter, but my patience is becoming exhausted and it is probable that by the time these lines are read I shall have initiated a general discussion of the subject. I am satisfied it can do nothing but good—both at home and abroad.

I have been very busy with the Courts-Martial Committee, and am pleased to say that its labours are rapidly drawing to a close. We have now finished taking evidence and are engaged upon the consideration of our Report. I hope the public, and especially the soldiers, will not be disappointed with it.

And I look like being busier still, having just received a notification that I have been placed upon the Select Committee to deal with the Aliens' Bill; on the Select Committee on the Animals' Anaesthetics Bill; and upon the Select Committee in respect of the Disabled Men (Facilities for Employment) Bill. I hope they won't all meet on the same day and at the same time!

I have also been enquiring into a report which reaches me to the effect that there is a great deal of trouble going on behind the scenes in connection with the Imperial Wireless Service, which is under the control of the newly formed Imperial Communications Board. The trouble arises, I understand, from the appointment of Sir Henry Norman to the position of Vice-Chairman to the Board, and I am anticipating some interesting disclosures.

The question of Naturalisation is also receiving further attention, and I am pressing the Home Office to introduce an amendment to the law, requiring that in future the names of British sponsors in cases of naturalisation of aliens shall be made public. For some mysterious reason, the Home Secretary jibs at this proposal, but I intend to follow it up.

I am glad to find that my Unclaimed Bank Balances and Securities Bill continues to grow in favour amongst Members, and should it be reached for second reading on Friday of this week I entertain no doubt that it will meet with very general support—despite the insidious efforts being made by the Bankers to counteract it.

As regards the Public Defender Bill, I am afraid the prospects of getting it on this session are somewhat remote, but I am keeping a watchful eye on the Order Paper. Here, again, is a measure the justice of which appeals to the general community; and I shall make a great effort to get it on the statute book before this Parliament comes to an end.

The suggestions I made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer during the debate on the Budget are, I know, receiving his consideration, and at his request I am securing official information from France as to the income derived by her from taxes on advertisements and betting transactions. As regards the former source of revenue, I am of course not surprised to find the *Advertiser's Weekly* against me, although I am somewhat amused at its argument that the burden of the tax will fall upon the consumer. This is the very opposite of the theory always propounded by the trade!

I am also pressing the Government to hurry up the provision of work for demobilised men, and thus remedy the scandal of our war-heroes either loafing about on the Out-of-Work donation, or tramping the town from one end to the other in search of that employment which was promised them at the time of their enlistment.

A matter to which I am directing special attention is that of Civil Service pensions, in connection with which there are grave anomalies involving great and increasing hardships. I am keeping in close touch with Ministers of the various Departments, and am hopeful of obtaining many concessions for what I would call the "Civil Service lower-deck." H.B.

TUBE-TROTTING MADE EASY.

By JOHN FLINT.

Tube travelling needs to be organised. I do not suggest that there should be more trains. Such a suggestion is far too revolutionary for my temper. But if we *must* have the Tube trains packed, let them be packed scientifically.

It breaks my heart to hear attendants yelling "Move down the car!" and to see them quite unable to get at the end-people who won't move down the car. If attendants were equipped with spike-tipped poles, those people *would* move. Often it does not seem possible that they could. But they would. A simple experiment with a pin will prove that.

I suppose that the attendants would continue to yell when the need to yell was gone; but I hope, not *quite* so loud. That would be a great gain—to me at least, for when I travel by Tube I am always on the platform, in the throat of the gramophone, and so I should never have to fear the spike.

Well, never except perhaps when boarding a full train, and then the fear of the spike would be salutary. And, by the by, it goes without saying that the porters on the platforms should be provided with grappling irons. This would save many lives and a few tempers.

Of course the spiked pole might be used also to stack the passengers on the platforms; but I think that a thick and heavy bludgeon would be more effective. At short range a spike irritates, whereas a bludgeon calms.

For entry to the lift the slot system should be used, with the spike for packing, and the bludgeon for keeping at bay.

Nevertheless, all these are plainly only makeshift expedients. It is necessary that the management should use their IMAGINATION to devise some scheme for dealing *wholesale* with the crush.

Getting down in the lift is not a main difficulty. The great problem may be considered under two heads: (1) How to get on to the platform; (2) How to get on the train. Once you are on the train nobody cares a hang how you get off.

When you gaze down a long flight of steps, over the heads of a packed, yet seething mass of would-be passengers, at the implacable grate—behind which a young monkey in uniform grins at you, No. 1 might appear frankly impossible. Yet people *have* got on to the tube platform, and will do it again. I have done it; and here I am alive to tell the tale. But how can the adventure be made a cert.?

I cannot help believing that something might be done with compressed air.

You know what big winds sometimes sweep down the corridors of the Tube. Imagine those big winds ever so much windier! Is it not possible that passengers might be pneumatically shot from the lift to the platform? Nay, with a little rearrangement, even from the booking office on to the train? The winnowing of Southern or Western from Northern or Eastern passengers presents a slight difficulty, but that could be overcome. And think how tightly and neatly a train could be packed by means of compressed air, without the interference of a single attendant—or a single spike!

Of course, passengers would be slightly flattened in the process. But so they are now. I have seen a stout man come out looking like a plaque. So why worry?

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THE SPONSORS.

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CHARACTERS.

Sundry SPONSORS for naturalised and unnaturalised Huns;
The Home Secretary;
An Office Boy.

SCENE:

A very Private Room at the Home Office.

OFFICE BOY: Several people to see you, sir.

THE HOME SEC.: Persons, my boy, persons—not people. Who are they?

OFFICE BOY: Call 'emselves Sponsors, sir. Shall I show 'em up, sir?

HOME SEC.: Show them up? Good gracious no! That's what I've been trying to avoid doing all along. Er—tut-tut! What am I saying? Yes; show them up, boy.

OFFICE BOY: Very good, sir. (*Aside.*) So much o' the bloomin' "boy."

[*Exit*, with characteristic gymnastics.

Enter, party of SPONSORS, in a very obvious state of nervous prostration.

SPONSORS (*in chorus*): Good morning, Shortt.

HOME. SEC.: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. To what do I owe the honour of this visit? I'm a busy man, and ——

SPONSORS (*in chorus*): Oh, you *are!* We think the work you get through is *wonderful*. How *ever* do you do it?

HOME SEC. (*advancing his solar plexus an inch*): System, ladies and gentlemen, system.

SPONSORS (*in chorus*): How fortunate the country is in having your services! What should we do without you?

HOME SEC. (*with plainly-assumed hum*): Ah, ladies and gentlemen, they say no man is indispensable. There *may* be exceptions.

SPONSORS: Oh, there are! You *are* so!

HOME SEC. (*putting a further strain on waistcoat buttons*): Er—I was always firm.

SPONSORS: Ah! A man to be relied on.

HOME SEC.: I—er—do my poor best.

SPONSORS: Oh, you do—you *do!* You will never betray us, Mr. Shortt? The life we should have with our neighbours were known that we stood Sponsors for that dreadful man calls the "German Kaiser of Downing Street"! Promise you won't give us away.

HOME SEC.: So long as it is in my power to prevent the publication of your names.

OFFICE BOY (*entering with startling suddenness*): Gentleman to see you, Sir.

SPONSORS: Oh!

HOME SEC. (*sternly*): How many times have I told you to knock, before entering, sirrah?

OFFICE BOY: I must have noticed of my own question.

SPONSORS: How rude!

HOME SEC.: Silence, please! There is much confusion, my head seems to be going round like a Caroline—I mean Katherine wheel. Who is the gentleman who wishes to see me?

OFFICE BOY: 'Oratio. *You* know, Bottomley, JOHN BULL.

SPONSORS: Great heavens!

HOME SECRETARY (*starting up from his chair*): Good gracious!

OFFICE BOY: By gum! 'E ain't half put the wind up you!

SPONSORS (*on their knees, and with clasped hands*): Oh, you *won't* betray us, *will* you, *dear* Mr. Shortt?

HOME SEC.: God knows! Er—that is to say, I hope not. But you don't know the man as I do. He won't take "No" for an answer. And the infernal part of it is, he's got the public behind him. Suppose I have him up, and let you appeal to him yourselves?

SPONSORS (*taking a bee-line for the exit*): We'd sooner meet the Devil! bye-ee!

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I'LL MAKE

Germany's Amazing Prosperity—Let Us Have

By THE

SOME day Mr. Lloyd George will know President Wilson as I know him—as a man of over-weening ambition, seeking all the time his own personal ends and apparently caring nothing for the reputation interests of anyone else so long as he "gets there." Still, ope, after the revelations of his impertinent inter- ce in Ireland and the display in their true colours the three members of the Clan-na-Gael who were owed to consort and conspire with the revolutionary Valera, that I have opened Mr. Lloyd George's es. I think I have opened them, and I am delighted at his decision have no truck with these creatures from America, who came ver with the approval of President Wilson. Don't tell me that was not fully aware of their antecedents. They are ee men whose business it is to stir up anti-British and anti- archical feeling in America; to preach the gospel of an Irish blic, and to work for the separation of Ireland from the British n.

What Wilson Did.

Yet President Wilson was agreeable that these avowed advo- tes of a policy which, within the last few days, has meant the rder of two members of the Irish constabulary, should go to land with his special and particular blessing, and, what is more, he indnced Mr. Lloyd George to consent to meet them on their return aris. We all know how our Prime Minister, whom we used to the Wily Little Welshman, has put himself under the thumb Wilson. And I can quite imagine that the President "told n the tale" about these three Americans who were supposed be paying an innocent visit to Ireland to see for themselves the nditions prevailing. Why this pretty trio from the Clan-na-Gael ould be allowed in Ireland at all beats me. Ireland is in a state revolution. Thousands of British troops are quartered there, the protection of the loyal and the law-abiding. Aeroplanes tanks have been sent across the St. George's Channel to be dy to deal with the enemy—that is, de Valera and his Sinn Fein mrades. Half the truth is not allowed to reach the English public. t I know it, and Mr. Lloyd George knows it. And yet he was pon by Mr. Wilson to lend countenance to these emissaries on, who went about Ireland preaching rebellion, ap- those who have ranged themselves in enmity against the d the King's Government. No one interfered with them. ey received ceremoniously by the masquerading President the Irish Republic—the man who escaped not long ago from coln Gaol, and who should be laid by the heels, and would have if the Lord-Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary for Ireland could ly upon the support of the Prime Minister. But Mr. Lloyd George, repeat, is under the Wilsonian thumb. He cannot call his soul s own—if he could, he would have kept his word to the electors d secured us the payment of Indemnities by the Germans.

Interfering in Our Affairs.

But there are limits to the subservience of the Prime Minister, d he has had the courage to administer a well-deserved snub to esident Wilson, following upon my very straight talk to the tleman of the Trans-Atlantic smile. I did not mince matters. t plain to the Prime Minister that Wilson was using Ireland, g him to capture the Irish vote in America. Just as he too proud to fight" because of the German vote, and answered e infamous crime of the *Lusitania* murders with a Note, so he has een prepared to use our troubles in Ireland to placate the Fenians America by daring to interfere in our internal affairs. The policy "Hands off America," as stated in the Monroe doctrine, is care- lly guarded in the preposterous League of Nations. "Hands Britain!" is *my* policy, and by refusing to receive the American evolutionaries Mr. Lloyd George has gone a long way to regain fidence by convincing me that Wilson is not yet uncrowned eat Britain. I should be still happier if I had any assurance power for ill had been finally broken. But when I know that party to as gross a piece of robbery as any the Germans rpetrated, then I am afraid that his influence is still supreme. d I speak of robbery? Let me explain matters. It was the British vy, built and maintained at a cost of many millions, which drove the German mercantile marine off the seas and sent them scuttling into neutral ports. Some of the biggest and finest German liners sought refuge in American waters when America's President was finely neutral. There are 90 such ships, of a total tonnage of 660,000. America's shipping loss was 320,000 tons; ours was 7,700,000 tons. Yet America intends to keep the lot—"scoop the pool," in fact. Even the *Daily News* is moved. This is what its Paris correspondent says:—

> *Matters have not been improved by the declaration of a prominent American shipper that possession of these vessels will enable the United States to secure control of the North Atlantic transport at the expense of Great Britain.*

And this further: "It is contended, moreover, that since the vessels in question were mostly driven pell-mell into United States harbours by the British Fleet when America was only a neutral, America's unqualified insistence on the right of capture is something less than generous." You see the game—and a dirty game it is. America gave refuge to the great German liners because she was neutral. But since America ultimately came into the war, it claims the right to these spoils of war and to rob the Allies of thousands of tons of shipping. "This solution," says the correspondent already quoted, "is not agreeable to the European Allies, and the discussion and its result cast a distinct, though no doubt merely transient, cloud over the accustomed harmony of Anglo-American relations." But once more I ask—Is Wilson paramount at the Paris Conference? Is there no one with sufficient courage to stand up to him? Why has he been allowed to rob us of the German ships as he has robbed us of Indemnities?

Germany's Prosperity.

And that brings me to the question which I have already raised in the House of Commons—and one, too, that I shall not allow to rest until I have forced the Government to a full and complete disclosure of their intentions. The enemy must be made to pay to the uttermost possible farthing the cost of the war. And I would ask: Are we quite sure that she is so *very* poor? I do not propose to enter into an economic discussion as to the correct meaning of the word, "wealth," and I know that money, even in the shape of gold, is not of much use if the commodities which it is supposed to control are not available. But I am assuming the Peace Treaty is about to be signed, and that the blockade will soon be entirely raised; and in those circumstances I cannot resist the view that if, as I allege to be the case, a shortage of food is Germany's only real present trouble, I anticipate that she will make a very rapid recovery. Even in existing circumstances her plight cannot be quite as terrible as it is painted. Here, for instance, is a letter I received the other day from Mr. W. Waugh, the famous trainer, who before the war had charge of the Kaiser's horses. It is dated as recently as May 9th, and this is what it says:—

> While all this talk is on about "What Germany Can Pay," etc., it might interest you to know that just lately the Censor has allowed a few German sporting papers to reach me. In the last, I think the 27th of April, there was a race meeting (jumping only) at Karlshortt, near Berlin, a record gate of 114,000 at one shilling a head—this does not include members' nor enclosure passes. Pari Mutuel receipts, over £150,000; seven races, the lowest £500 added; a hurdle race for four-year-olds, £1,750 added. What rot to talk about *can* she pay! Men like myself, who have lived there so many years, know that she's the richest country in the world; I never knew one, whatever position in life, who did not save and invest half his earnings.

It does not look as though the country were either very hard up or very depressed in spirit, does it? The papers are full of accounts of orgies which are going on in the night clubs of Berlin and the principal German towns. Now let us turn to the dividends published

THEM PAY!

the Bonds—Lloyd George Shakes Off Wilson.

EDITOR.

by scores of representative companies in the enemy countries during the last month:—

40 *per cent.*

Holland-Amerika-Linie.

30 *per cent.*

Faradit-Isolierrohrwerke Max Haas A.-G. in Reichenhain bei Chemnitz.

27½ *per cent.*

Gesellschaft fur chemische Industrie in Basel.

24 *per cent.*

Paradiesbettenfabrik Steiner & Sohn in Leipzig.

22 *per cent.*

Dittmann-Neuhaus & Gabriel-Bergenthal A.-G. in Warstein.

20 *per cent.*

Aussiger Verein fur Chemische und Metallurgische Produktion; Verein fur chemische Industrie in Mainz; Edmund Muller & Mann A.-G. in Berlin; Porzellanfabrik Kahla; Rheinische Gerbstoff-Fabrik vorm. Gebr. Muller in Benrath; Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft Neptun in Bremen; Hugo Schneider A.-G.; Franz Seiffert and Co., Berlin-Hoegermuhle.

18 *per cent.*

Allgemeine Oesterreichische Bodenkreditanstalt; Asphalt-Fabrik F. Schlesing A.-G. in Berlin; Ludwig Ganz A.-G. in Mainz.

16 *per cent.*

Kaliwerke Friedrichshall A.-G. in Sehnde; Chemische Fabrik von Heyden A.-G. in Dresden; Thuringer Gasgesellschaft; Maschinenbauanstalt Balcke in Bochum; Seidel & Naumann.

15 *per cent.*

A.-G. fur Automatischen Verkauf in Hamburg-Berlin; Emil Pinkau & Co. A.-G. in Leipzig; A.-G. fur Zellstoff und Papierfabrikation in Aschaffenburg; Vereinigte Grobalmeroder Thonwerke; Burstenfabrik Pensberger & Cie. A.-G. in Munchen; Gehe & Co. A.-G. in Dresden; Hallesche Rohrenwerke; Heine & Co. A.-G. in Leipzig; Herm. Lohnert, Bromberger Maschinenbau-Anstalt.

14 *per cent.*

Atlaswerke in Bremen; Deutsche Steinzeugwarenfabrik fur Kanalisation und Chemische Industrie; Mechanische Binfadenfabrik Oberachern; Norddeutsche Versicherungsbank; Zentralheizungswerke in Hannover;

13 *per cent.*

A.-G. Braunkohlenwerke Moncheberg.

12½ *per cent.*

Rutgerswerke A.-G. in Berlin.

12 *per cent.*

Aelteste Volkstedter Porzellanfabrik A.-G.; A.-G. fur Korbwaren und Kinderwagen-Industrie in Lichtenfels; Berlin-Anhaltische Maschinenbau-Anstalt; Bremer Carosserie-Worke vorm. Louis Gaertner; Chemische Dungeriabrik Rendsburg; Chemische Fabrik Rendsburgh; Bremer Vulkan in Vegesack; Chemische Werke Henke und Raertling A.-G.; Gebruder Hormann A.-G. in Dresden; Kammgarnspinnerei Kaiserslautern; F. Crepin Getreidebrennerei und Prebhetefabrik in Stettin; Deutsche Zelluloid-A.-G. in Eilenburg; Gesellschaft fur Linde's Eismaschinen in Wiesbaden; Kochs Adlermahmaschinen-Werke A.-G., Bielefeld; Langbein-Pfanhauser Werke; Oldenburgische Glashute A.-G.; Pfalzische Schamotte- und Tonwerke A.-G. vormals Schiffer & Kircher in Grunstadt; Porzellanfabrik Waldsassen-Bareuther & Co. A.-G.

11 *per cent.*

Mannheimer Gummi-, Guttapercha-u. Asbest A.-G.; Vereinigte Hanfschlauch-und Gummiwaren-Fabriken zu Gotha.

10 *per cent.*

Deutsche Eisenbahnsignalwerke A.-G. vorm. Schnabel & Henning C. Stahmer, Zimmermann & Buchloh in Bruchsal; Diamanten-Regie des sudwestafrikanischen Schutzgebiets in Berlin; Baubank fur die Residenzstadt Dresden; Felten & Guilleaume Carlswerk A.-G. in Kohn and Mulheim; Mechanische Seilerwarenfabrik A-G. in Alf a.d.M.; F. Butzke & Co. A.-G. fur Metallindustrie; Deutsche Vacuum-Oel-A.-G. in Hamburg; Deutsche Zundholzfabriken A.-G. in Lauenburg; Deutscher Eisenhandel A.-G.; Hallesche Kaliwerke; Hasseroder Papierfabrik; Dr. C. Schleubner A.-G. in Frankfurt a.M.; Holzindustrie Hermann Schutt A.-G. in Czersk i. Westpr.; J. A. John A.-G. in Erfurt; Kunstdruck- und Verlagsanstalt Wezel & Naumann A.-G.; Mechanische Schuh- und Schaftefabrik Manz A.-G. in Bamberg; Schulcke & Mayr A.-G.; J. Mehlich A.-G. in Berlin; Neptunus Assekuranz-Compagnie in Hamburg; Norddeutsche Hutte A.-G. in Bremen; Norddeutsche Wollkammerei und Kammgarnspinnerei; Nordslesvigske Folkebank in Apenrade; Odenwalder Hartstein-Industrie; Portland-Cementwerke Hoxter-Godelheim; Porzellanfabrik Rauenstein vorm. Fr. Chr. Greiner & Sohne A.-G.; Reudener Ziegelwerke vorm. Clemens Dehnert A.-G.; Rheinisch-Westfalische Bau-Industrie A.-G. Haspe; Sanitas A.-G. in Hamburg; Vereinigte Eschebachsche Werke; Vereinigte Strohstoffe-Fabriken in Dresden.

Judgment Must be Signed.

Again I ask, What is the secret of the Government's soli[illegible] about Germany's financial capacity? As I pointed out to Mr. Bonar Law the other day, there have now been three special Commissions to enquire into her ability to pay, and now apparently a new body is to be set up, and is to remain in session for at least a couple of years, dealing with the same problem, What on earth have we to do with it? I intend to hold the Prime Minister to his election pledge—viz., that whatever we get out of the enemy in the way of either reparation or reimbursement, we will "present the full bill." It is no good taking a vague acknowledgment in the Peace Treaty of Germany's "responsibility" for the cost and damage of the war—we want not only an admission of moral responsibility, but a definite financial obligation. In other words, the Allies and America should total up their claims, under all heads, and then after making a fair allowance for merchant tonnage, colonies, gold, and everything else handed over, should take Bonds *payable on demand* for the full sum, such bonds being placed in the custody of an inter-Allied Commission, for presentation from time to time according to the state of Germany's exchequer. Possibly during the next few years very little would come in, but as time goes on and the wealth and prosperity of the enemy countries increase, very large annual levies could be made. Remember that several million men, now liberated from Germany's army, will soon be cultivating her soil and working in her factories once more—and these will be reinforced by nearly three-quarters of a million prisoners-of-war whom we shall soon be sending back. And who shall say what her financial position will be in twenty or thirty years time? That is why the provision in the Treaty spreading the liability over only thirty years is so ridiculous. It means that we shall be writing off the balance of our claim at the very time when Germany will be arriving at her pre-war state of prosperity. And what applies to Germany applies in a lesser degree to Austria and Bulgaria. Let us, then, have the Bonds. They would probably total something like 25 thousand millions net; and if the Government really thinks that they would represent mere scraps of paper of no potential value, I should desire no better business transaction than to form a syndicate to take them off its hands. Here's a nice nest-egg for Mr. Austen Chamberlain! At any rate, I intend to offer it him in the House; and if, in deference to the behests of Mr. Wilson he declines to accept it, then I think that the nation will have something to say not only to Ministers who came into power on the faith of the Indemnity pledge, but to every member of the House who at the polls adopted that pledge and fails to support me in my demand for its redemption. As I say elsewhere, I have been extremely patient in the matter. Not only did I decline to sign the famous Paris telegram, and also held aloof from the discussion when some weeks ago the question was raised on a motion for adjournment of the House, but at the earnest request of Mr. Bonar Law I have postponed moving in the matter until the Government has had every opportunity of making up its mind. It is becoming abundantly clear, however, that we are to expect nothing in the way of reimbursement—and, I am afraid, very little in the way of reparation. And in this connection there was a significant statement in the Paris *Matin* the other day, to the effect that "the exemption from the repayment of war costs has caused an immense commotion in the Allied Parliaments and countries." So far, however, one of those Allied Parliaments has been gagged—and now the gag must be removed. We *will* have those Bonds!

"TOMMY AND JACK."

Dealing also with the Discharged Sailor and Soldier and their Dependents.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheeseparing shall go unchallenged and unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

"TOMMY."

Rather Hard:—The other day a number of men, patients of the Dyke Road Hospital, Brighton, were fined ten days' pay for being one hour late in returning. They are all old soldiers, who have been out and suffered. Is this fair?

Their Food:—We receive many letters from boys on the Rhine, telling us that they are under-fed, but we cannot understand the complaint, as most of the communications we receive are signed "Fed Up"!

The Officer Chaps:—There was an advertised bonus for the Army of Occupation. It was granted to the Officers, but we note that all Field Allowance as from May 1st is to be practically cut. When Officers were tempted to sign on this fact was not made clear to them, or they might have remained in civil life.

Our White "Elephant":—We recently mentioned the "Ripon Giant," who is not 5 ft. high; now we find a man at Gourock, Scotland, who weighs 89 lbs., and is 4 ft. 9½ ins. high. He was called up as a clerk, but is washing dishes for half-a-dozen non-commissioned officers. Putting aside the man's clothing and keep, plus 26s. 3d. pay, the cost of this scullery-maid's job to the taxpayer is £2 4s. 6d. per week. Yet we grin and bear it.

A Question:—Will the War Council tell us the proportion of foreign and other decorations granted to Staff Officers who never heard the yelling of an angry shell, and the Regimental Officers who "went through it," respectively? The scandal of the scattering of orders and decorations has created a decidedly bad feeling in the commissioned ranks. We know the war is over and there is not much doing; but that if there are any more awards going, let them go to the right quarter.

Transport for Tommies:—When soldiers stationed at Rugeley Camp wish to go into Rugeley Town, they have either to foot-slog the three odd miles or club together and hire a hackney motor carriage, the charge for which is 6s. It is up to the W.O. to put a stopper on this disgusting greed on the part of the motor proprietors by arranging for two or three W.D. motor lorries to ply between town and camp.

"JACK."

Can It Be True?:—We have a letter from some members of the crew of H.M.S. *Ceres*, telling us that for the last three months they have been regularly marched around the pay-table but have been told that they cannot receive the money as their papers have not come through. They were paid off on the *Hecla* in the Medway some months ago, and somebody has blundered. Will the "Oyster," otherwise the Admiralty, look into this matter?

Jerram Decision:—In pursuance of our campaign on behalf of the men of the lower deck and others, we recently suggested that a forecast of the Jerram Report should be issued. A few days afterwards an outline of the awards was seen in the newspapers. We congratulate the men on the fact that their pay is to be almost doubled.

To the Boys:—We thank you Jacks for the very numerous letters you have sent us expressing gratitude for our assistance in securing the rise you are to receive in pay and allowances. We are glad that we have done our "bit," but we were not alone. Give thanks, and not a small bit, to your Lower Deck Committees, who, we know, have worked long and hard for a betterment of your conditions.

Leave and Demobilisation:—In the ameliorations granted to the men the Admiralty appear to be much behind the War Office—and that is saying a lot. The men who joined at the outbreak of war are still being kept, while those who were called up comparatively recently are being sent back to civilian life! It is only fair that the men who bore the brunt in the early dark days in the cheerless North Sea and foreign waters should be the first to be restored to their families.

Our Expense:—The Germans have no navy. Will Whitehall tell us why so many thousands of ships are standing by, their crews paid and all expenses running on, while the hands are roaring for demobilisation? The papers make much ado about the London hotels that are still commandeered, but the waste is comparatively insignificant. If the Admiralty could have instilled into it an ounce of common sense, the taxpayers would save many millions of pounds.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

A Hint:—Employers who refuse to re-engage their ex-soldier employees are making for Bolshevism. There is great bitterness of feeling on the subject—and we are not surprised. Many a man shouldered his rifle on the promise of re-instatement when his job was done. Now he is left in the cold.

Kicked Out:—An officer of the Clyde Shipping Company joined the Royal Service when war commenced. Now he is asking to be placed on the bridge again. The reply is that they have had to pay off a number of officers since he left, and they must in fairness give them—the demobilised fellows who never did a turn in the war—the first opportunity of re-employment. This turn-down we consider particularly mean, and would ask the Company to review their decision.

Officers' Gratuities:—We have received hundreds of complaints concerning the cruel delay in paying officers their gratuities on demobilisation. They are, of course, receiving no pay, and are in many cases in actual want. So great is their distress that resort to money-lenders is sometimes forced upon them—with what result we know. Let the War Office hurry up and save them further misery!

Our Pampered Conchies:—We note that the Postmaster General is in touch with the Treasury concerning the re-employment of the dirty Conscientious Objectors. If the Postmaster General takes a single one of these curs back, we shall have something to say on the matter in another place.

"Discrimination":—On the other hand, many honourable volunteers who offered their lives for their country have on demobilisation been turned down by the Department. This is the way it is done:—"I am directed by the Postmaster General to inform you that the number of ex-soldiers applying for Post Office employment is greatly in excess of the number of places available, and some discrimination is necessary. Preference is being given to men discharged owing to wounds or disease and to long-service professional soldiers. As you do not apparently come within either category, it is regretted that no prospect of further employment in the Post Office can be held out to you." Surely, however, such men should be preferred before "Conchies."

"THE GREATEST OF THESE—"

(Registered under the Act of 1916 as "The John Bull War Sufferers' Fund.")

This fund affords immediate relief to the dependents of soldiers and sailors stranded for want of money. Every farthing subscribed goes to some deserving person—we gladly defray all expenses.

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Age in Distress:—A Darby and Joan, over 70 years of age, have only the Old Age Pension to exist on. Both of them were ill.

Special Nourishment:—The widow of a soldier is in distress and ill. Doctor has ordered her special nourishing food, which she could not procure.

A Malaria Victim:—An ex-soldier is suffering from malaria and unable to work. He has to keep a wife and three little children on a small pension, and found the task an impossible one.

A Distressed Badger:—Another Silver Badger cannot work at present, and has 7 children to keep. His pension is quite insufficient for the purpose.

A Very Sad Case:—Yet another Badger, who contracted trench fever and malaria and was gassed twice. The poor wreck has a pension of 13s. 9d. a week and cannot work. His wife is ill and his little child lay dead when he applied to us.

Unable to Work:—A fighting man who is ill and cannot follow his employment. A little stranger had arrived in the family, there was no food in the house, and his rent was owing.

An Old-Time Fighter:—An old soldier without pension was ill in bed with bronchitis and pneumonia, and was in arrears with rent.

Shell-Shocked:—A victim of shell-shock was refused help by the Pensions Authorities to purchase clothing. We did what was necessary.

Burying the Children:—A soldier in hospital whose child had died. He had no money for the undertaker, so we saved it from a pauper's funeral.

Other Cases Helped:—

A soldier's wife, whose child is suffering.

A widow in distress. Her son was killed in the war.

A woman whose husband is demobilised and is now lying in hospital.

A soldier's widow with four almost naked young children.

Another soldier's widow ill and unable to work, who also has four children.

A man discharged with epilepsy. He was ordered to a home and required clothing.

A widow of a soldier killed in action. She has three very delicate children.

A widow who is living on a pension of 5s. a week.

Railway fare paid to seaside convalescent home for soldier's invalid child.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

WHAT HAVE *YOU* GIVEN?

(Although there has been a cessation of active hostilities at the Front, there is not only no diminution in the number of claims which we receive from soldiers and sailors and their wives and dependents, but an actual increase. Indeed, this war will leave a legacy of trouble and suffering for many years, which it will be the privilege of ourselves and our readers to do what we can to assuage.)

Ship's Company, H.M.S. *Nugent* (per R. McD. B.) £15 7s. 6d.; "Hulla-ba-lulu," 10s.; "R. F., In Memory," 2s. 6d.; V. A. D. (Manchester), 5s.; M. C. P. S., 5s.; "S. Ealing Reader," 2s.; "Prize Winner," 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. E. S. (s.s. *Carmania*), £1 2s. 6d.; W. N. S., 2s. 6d.; P. S. B. K., 6s.; "Mary, Joyce and Jessie," 1 dollar; J. M. K. (Ampthill), £3; "Kat's Eye," 1s.; F. M. C., 2s. 6d.; C. E. M. (Croydon), 2s. 6d.; J. A. W. (Newark), 2s. 6d.; "Sasha, Marra and Iria" (Petrograd), £2 10s.; "2/6 Winner M.," 2d.; "Ache," 2s. 6d.; "Demobbed," 10s.; E. M. S. (Peterborough), 8s.; L. M. S. (Birmingham), 10s.; Sergt. H. Q., 1 rupee; W. C. H., 1s.; Rfn. E. McD., 1s. 6d.; Canteen Fund, H.M.S. *Venus*, £16 4s. 5d.; "Mac's Girl," 2s. 6d.; G. H., 10s.; "God Bless the Editor of JOHN BULL," 10s.; G. B. (Shrewsbury), 1s. 6d.; "Rimutaka," 7s.; W. D. (Aldgate), £1 0s. 6d.; Mrs. S. F., 6d.; J. N. (Edinburgh), 10s. 7d.; J. H. K. (Crosby), 5s.; C. E. K. (Salt Lake, U.S.A.), 1 dollar; R. W. (Leyland), 1s.; R. F., 1s.; J. D. (Barsiem), 1s.; N. G., 6d.; "Whitelnch," 6d.; H. L., 6d.; F. C., 6d.; J. D. G. (Clitheroe), 6d.; "Old Bill," 1s.; "Cantab," 4s.; "Widowed," 10s.; E. S. (Spalding), 1s.; R. W. (Glasgow), 5s.; W. H., 10d.; 25th Divisional Signal Coy., R.E., £5; A. L. S. (Ilfracombe), 1s.; "Taxi Driver 5372," 1s.; "Invalid," 5s.; K. T. (Exeter), 1s.; "A Soldier," 2s.; "Waterford Star," 2s. 6d.; M. R., £5; "In Memory of Ted," 2s.; Mrs. S. (New Cross), 1s.; R. E. T. (Ebbw Vale), 1s; Anonymous, 1s.; "Anxious" (Sheffield), 1s.; "Robin Gray," 1s.; Mrs. B. (S. Kensington), 1s.; "A Few of the Old H.D.'s," 1s.; L. L., 1s.; "A Passenger," 1s.; R. B., 1s.; E. J. (Noel Park), 2s. 6d.; L. W. B., 2s. 6d.; H. W. (Edinburgh), 1s.; H. D. (Margate), 2d.; "Conscience," 10s.; "An Anxious Soldier," 1s.; Lieut. L. F. (Turkey), 50 piastres; "The Old Esh," frs. 10,50; Mrs. W., 2s. 6d.

COMPANY MEETING.

CITY EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 10th annual general meeting of the company was held on May 14th at Winchester House, London, Mr. Gerard Lee Bevan, chairman of the company, presiding.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, we will now begin by looking at the fire account, where you will see that the premiums for the year amount to £611,483, with a loss ratio of 48.88 per cent. The latter happens to be unusually low, but you must not apply it as a standard of comparison for the future, as these percentages tend to average themselves out over a term of years. The figure, however, does go to prove that our business is all of sterling quality. Compared with last year, the premium income shows an increase of no less than £155,000. This may be accounted for to some extent by higher values, but in the main it is due to fresh business.

Whether at home or abroad, our fire business continues to give evidence of a strong upward tendency, and it is widening in so many directions that we have to exercise unusual discrimination in the selection of our treaties. The magnates of the reinsurance world, so we were told, the great German companies, like the Munich, the Cologne, and the Magdeburg, had been dethroned without prospect of reinstatement. Consequently there was a vacuum, and we were the right people to fill it. Our attitude at the present time as regards America is that unless the attraction of American business to us is greater than has so far appeared, we shall not do anything in the matter until the General Manager, Mr. Mansell, and myself can pay a visit to America.

Now, turning to the marine account, the premiums for the year have taken another sweeping stride forward, and we have reached the large figure of £1,351,000. Our marine business is in an eminently healthy and satisfactory condition, and it would be difficult to imagine a more representative group of treaties.

As to the future, you will notice that, faithful to the policy which I foreshadowed last year, we have increased our reserve for unexpired risks to £825,000, which represents over 60 per cent. The third source of our revenue consists of the income from our accumulated funds, and this has more than doubled itself during the past year, rising from £21,425 to £42,999. This will easily become apparent to you if you turn and study the balance sheet.

On the liability side there is really nothing calling for special comment, but with the assets the case is very different. Last year, of the total assets, viz., £1,228,000, as much as £625,000, or just over one-half, was represented by outstanding premiums, and one of our shareholders, in quite a friendly spirit, expressed the hope that we should be able to reduce this figure in subsequent years. Now, with assets totalling £1,794,000, the outstanding premiums are down to £413,000, and whereas last year our investments and cash in hand amounted in round figures to £600,000, they have now risen to £1,360,000. This is a truly remarkable change, and it is a matter of legitimate satisfaction and pride that our conservative policy of the past three years has at length borne such fruit, and that notwithstanding the rapid growth of our interim income, our reserves have more than kept pace with it.

Summarising the year's results, we have a profit of £54,000 from the fire fund, £105,000 from the marine fund, and £42,000 from our investments; and after providing £12,300 for income-tax and excess profits account, we remain with a net profit for the year of £187,787. Adding to this the balance brought in from last year, £7,137, we reach the grand total of £194,925. Out of this an interim dividend has already been paid of 4½d. a share on the preference shares, and 1s. 6d. on the ordinary shares. We now propose to pay a final dividend of 1s. 1½d. on the preference shares, and 4s. 6d. on the ordinary shares, making a total of 5s. 6d. for the year on the preference, and 6s. on the ordinary shares. After providing for this, there remained a balance in hand of £163,237. How shall we allocate it? If we wish to attract the best class of fire business we must demonstrate that our shoulders are broad enough to bear it. We therefore propose to transfer to our additional fire reserve £120,000. This makes the additional fire reserve up to £200,000, and brings up our total fire reserve to over 75 per cent. of our premium income. Of the remainder we propose to transfer £30,000 to additional reserve on marine account, and the balance, viz., £13,237, we carry forward to next year.

The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

The retiring directors and auditors were re-elected.

A meeting of the holders of the preference shares of the company was then held for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing with or without modification, the following extraordinary resolution:—"That the holders of first preference shares of the company approve the consolidation of the said preference shares and the ordinary shares of the company into shares of one class, to be called ordinary shares, ranking for dividend, capital, and in all other respects pari-passu, and the distribution among the holders of the ordinary shares in the initial capital of the company of the sum of £45,000 out of the monies standing to the credit of the general reserve of the company to the intent that the monies so to be distributed may be applied by the holders of the said ordinary shares subscribing new ordinary shares of the company in or towards payment of the further shares so to be subscribed."

The Chairman: Gentlemen, as you know, special resolutions are now going to be submitted, in the first place, to the preference shareholders, and, in the second place, to the ordinary shareholders; but so as to avoid going over the ground twice I hope that the preference shareholders will, as a matter of courtesy, allow the ordinary shareholders to remain in the room, so that they will hear what I have to say and I need not repeat it. The ordinary shareholders, of course, will not vote at the first meeting.

THE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CAPITAL.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, this meeting has been called with the object of making certain modifications in the share capital. Without in any way criticising the action of the board in the past, let me go back a little and remind you how our capital has been created. I want you to follow me very closely, because some misconception seems to have arisen in the minds of certain shareholders as to what we are actually proposing. Originally there was a small ordinary share issue. Subsequently it was decided to raise fresh capital, and an issue of preference shares was made four times in amount the number of the ordinary shares. When this was decided upon, I daresay it was the only feasible method of procedure, but there can be no difference of opinion about one point, that is, that our capital as at present constituted is peculiarly ill-balanced, and without parallel among insurance companies, or to far as I know any other company. There are now 300,000 preference shares and 75,000 ordinary shares; both are £1 shares with 4s. paid up. The preference shares are in the first place entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of 6 per cent. This amounts to exactly £3,600 a year. The next £3,600 a year goes to the ordinary shares, that is, 24 per cent. on the 75,000 ordinary shares. Any further profits that it is decided to distribute are divided equally between the two classes of shares. In other words, provided the profits of the company are as much or more than £7,200 a year, the buyer of one ordinary share acquires precisely the same interest in the company as the buyer of four preference shares, but with this important difference, that a buyer of one ordinary share only incurs an uncalled liability of 16s. on each share, whereas a buyer of four preference shares incurs a liability of four times that amount, viz., 64s. on the four shares. Under the scheme which is being submitted to you to-day we propose to have one class of share only, viz., ordinary shares.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

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The resolutions were then formally put to the meeting, and in each case carried.

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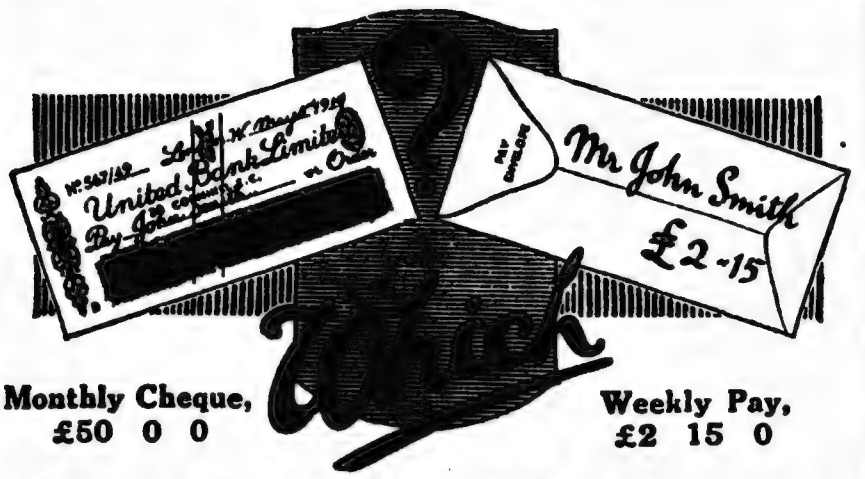

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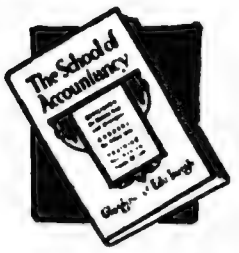

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IN THE CITY.

FINANCIAL NOTES AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By Our City Editor.

Business on the Stock Exchange is brightening up in the most heartening manner, and the number of bargains recorded last week was by far the largest since the House reopened in 1915, after five months' holiday, following the outbreak of war.

A. W. Gamage, Ltd., the famous outfitters in Holborn, are offering 150,000 Ordinary £1 shares at 21s. each, and I have no doubt that they will be eagerly snapped up. Dividends for the past two years have been at the rate of 8 per cent., and they would have been substantially higher but for the fact that the incidence of Excess Profits Duty hit the Company rather severely. The business, however, is so solidly established that the shares are a most attractive investment.

Elsewhere appears a brief report of the meeting of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company. Some purely factious opposition was raised to the scheme propounded by the directors, but what the general body of shareholders thought of the matter is sufficiently indicated by the fact that, as a result of a poll, the management secured a majority of nearly 200,000 votes.

Any scheme for capturing trade from the Huns commands our warm sympathy, but I cannot see much scope for the General Re-insurance Co., Ltd., which is issuing 250,000 £1 shares, on which it is proposed to call up 10s. per share. The capital is quite inadequate for a business which essentially requires huge resources and reserves. Apart from that, I do not see any evidence on the part of the directorate of the knowledge requisite for success.

Why Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., the Liverpool chemists and druggists, want the public to subscribe £75,000 in 7½ per cent. Preference shares, is not very clear. The prospectus is studiously uninformative in many particulars, and there are heaps of much more attractive shares already in existence which enjoy a free market.

An interesting issue under the auspices of the Anglo-Scottish Investment Trust, dealing with a Home industry, has made its appearance in the Aber-llyn Zinc Mines, owning property in Carnarvonshire, in the Bettws-y-coed district. It would seem that the mine, which is being actively worked, possesses very rich ore, whilst the cost of production should be exceptionally cheap, ample water power being obtained in the district. There has been some activity in the shares.

Answers to Correspondents.

F. W. C. (King's Lynn). ***The "F.M." Operating Trust:*** **Try and get your money back and your profit; I do not recommend further dealings.——B. R. (E. Dulwich)** ***Premier Rinks, etc.:*** **The shares are just worth their value at waste-paper rates.——H. P. (Hackney)** ***Siak-Kampar Syndicate and Mt. Catherine Gold:*** **I cannot trace either of the companies; they must have disappeared years ago and you can only regard the shares as worthless.——R. F. H. (Shepherds Bush): I cannot recommend you to put money into the concern.——J. B. (Streatham): I believe** ***Farrow's Bank*** **to be perfectly safe for the deposit mentioned.——J. S. (Teddington)** ***Brixey & Co.:*** **Leave it alone.——A. L. F. (Peterboro'): Don't.——L. B. (Enfield)** ***Palace Theatre:*** **The company was reconstructed in 1896, when the capital was written down by one half. There is no quotation for the original shares, but the new shares of 10s. each with 9s. paid up are quoted at about 15s.——J. D. B. (South Shields)** ***Palmers' Shipbuilding Co.:*** **The scheme is perfectly sound and the security is excellent. You should go in on the 9 years' basis, and save any trouble about income tax.**

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

Who on the Coal Commission sits
And strains his mediocre wits,
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Why, Smillie.

Who's shallow, though he thinks he's deep?
Who needs a hint that talk is cheap?
Who tries to run ere he can creep?
Why, Smillie.

Who, while the miners sweat below,
Conducts his talkee-talkee show,
With indignation all aglow?
Why, Smillie.

Who tried to terrify the Dukes
With savage, Bolshevistic looks,
And only scored his points by flukes?
Why, Smillie.

Whose revolutionary tosh
Gave frequent comfort to the Boche?
Who individual aims would squash?
Why, Smillie.

Who rose on his hind legs to bless
Distracted Russia's bloody mess?
Who'd like the same thing here, I guess?
Why, Smillie.

Who, with no shadow of a doubt,
Could dear Old England do without?
All patriots answer with a shout:
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THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of communications and replies to other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

Our Heroes' Graves.

The Government ought to take over and manage all parties that visit the battlefields of France; all profits should be used to help the widows, orphans, and mothers of our heroic dead. No private profiteering over the graves of our dead heroes should be tolerated.—W. Yeo, Hamilton Road, Walthamstow.

(*We do not quite like the idea of any profit being made from such a source; but if these be, it should certainly go for the benefit of the bereaved.*)

M.P.s' Work Record.

Under the heading "In the House," the M.P. for South Hackney gives a full account of his week's work in Parliament. All members of the House have not the same advantage of using their own periodical, but I certainly think every M.P. should tell his constituents what he has done each week; say, by a circular, posted up in the Town Public Library, or the Village Hall or Post Office.—F. W. A. Parkes, East Street, Poole.

(*We are afraid that in most cases once a month would be quite often enough, and then half a sheet of notepaper would be sufficient for the purpose.*)

State Dairy Farming.

As the farmers are threatening to create a milk famine, I suggest that the Government should secure good pasture land in every suitable county, cut it up into small holdings, and place discharged sailors and soldiers on them. Properly stocked, and with men in charge who are skilled in dairy farming, the country would be freed for ever from the arrogant domination of the farmers. The full churns could be collected by motor lorries, delivered to the retailer, and empties returned with the minimum of expense.—Harold Dunham, Church End, Marston Morteyne.

(*The difficulty is to find those men "skilled in dairy farming." Otherwise the idea is excellent.*)

Crippling the Consumer.

Before the Coal Commission, Mr. A. L. Dickinson confessed that when the Coal Control put up the price half-a-crown they hadn't the remotest notion that the coal owners were wallowing in millions of profit. The consumer was "had" for £25,000,000. Whenever the collier gets a rise, the cost is immediately put upon the consumer; when the railway man's wages are increased, the public pay; and it is the same with food and the other commodities of life—witness the scandalous profiteering still going on. We want better houses, more leisure hours, and a real, living wage for all; but let us have these things without crippling the "consumer" continually.—Evan D. Hughes, Arran Street, Bala, North Wales.

(*That is why we formed the People's League.—Secretary, Captain Mason, 4 and 5, Adam Street, London, W.C.*)

Five Guineas will be paid each week to the writer of what we consider to be the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. J. Wilson, the writer of the starred letter.

Art Critics and the Academy.

Year after year the Royal Academy exhibition is stigmatised by the Press as a "wash-out"; no exhibit seems to please. Has this adverse criticism become a habit with the art critics—a Spring malady?—W. M. Simpson, 1, Market Parade, Southall, Mdsx.

(*Art critics are like racing reporters. By finding fault with work they could not possibly do themselves, they maintain their reputation as experts.*)

An Odious Comparison.

A firm of caterers are to commence immediately the erection of a palatial restaurant in London. If private enterprise can purchase expensive sites and obtain material for building, why cannot the Government do likewise?—Gerald C. Barathy, Dewhurst Road, W. 14.

(*There you have it. Under Government control everything is behind-hand!*)

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* **A Tramcar Wail.** *
* Aubrey Llewellyn Coventry Fell, *
* Lord of all London, where life is a Hell, *
* Lend your almighty ear just for a spell, *
* While of "goings and comings" in anguish I tell. *
* Bound to the "strap" in an orgie of smell, *
* Thrown in like cattle, and chucked out pell-mell *
* By a tyrant austere whose control of the bell *
* Makes me feel like a criminal locked in a cell, *
* We must leap to "get on" like a deer in a dell. *
* And alighting brings thoughts of our funeral knell. *
* You've reduced us to paupers, yet who can rebel, *
* Aubrey Llewellyn Coventry Fell? *
* J. Wilson, Romford Road, London, E. 7. *
* (*The Poet Laureate—we forget his name at the moment—must look to his laurels.*) *

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The New Religion.

Few ex-soldiers go to church. It is because they have found Mr. Bottomley's New Religion. It is not sham and hypocrisy, but Brotherhood. At Kut I noticed two occasions when parsons of different creeds agreed—in a hole when shells were flying, and round the mess table. Men who faced death together saw grim realities; they do not want make-believe now.—James Bailey, Luton Road, Reddish.

(*That, we believe, is also the lesson which the war has taught the parsons. A new Church must be part of our scheme of national reconstruction.*)

Income Tax for Working Men.

Instead of sending us a form of "undecipherable legal jargon," the only intelligible part being the dire penalties for inaccurate statements, why can't the Government make employers affix a stamp—so much in the £—to the weekly "pay-docket"? We think nothing of the money deducted from our pay, simply because, in a sense, we never possess it.—W. Russell, Caledonian Road, Wishaw, N.B.

(*This is an old idea of our own, and we will mention it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer again.*)

Coal and "Coats" Comparisons.

While demagogue Smillie is busy unearthing the £30,000 Talbot royalties on the Coal Commission, the probate of the four and a quarter millions Will of one of the Directors of J. & P. Coats lays bare a truly national scandal. The vast fortunes of the Coats' Combine represent the sweated toil of the humblest and hardest-working classes—cotton-spinners and sempstresses. Let us operate upon the cancer before we bother about a mere wart!—W. I. Jones, The Oaks, Brambridge, Hants.

(*The Coats' profits was one of the things we called attention to in our speech during the Debate on the Address—and didn't the Coats' Director who sat opposite us look happy!*)

Boches or Britons?

"Lest we forget" the cunning of the Boche, we should keep in mind the 1,300 now awaiting the Advisory Board, at Knockaloe Aliens' Detention Camp, I.O.M. They all declare that Germany is nothing to them, yet they persist in speaking German, cultivate the German style of moustache—and we remember their attitude during the darkest hours of the war! Let the Government realise that 1,300 Boches, released, means throwing out of employment 1,300 Britishers.—T. I. Phillips, Ynyswen Road, Treorchy, Glamorganshire.

(*Quite so. Let the first boat to resume the Isle of Man service take these creatures away.*)

Service and Citizenship.

The recent decision of the National Union of Teachers against compulsory Military Training and compulsory Domestic Training in our schools is diametrically opposed to the best interests of the rising generation. Military Training for our children would raise their physical standard, teach them prompt obedience, politeness to elders, and habits of cleanliness and self-reliance. Domestic Training for our girls would teach them economy, management, tidiness, and conduce to home happiness and the welfare of young.—J. Seymour Hammond, Talbot Street, Birmingham.

(*We quite agree, but prefer the phrase "Military Drill" to "Military Training."*)

RACING NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

THE FRENCH DERBY CANDIDATE.

By "THE SQUIRE."

Lord Basil, engaged in the Derby, is to be given another chance in the Newmarket Stakes of showing what is really the matter with him—whether he is a better colt at home than on a racecourse, whether he cannot come fluently down a hill, or whether he simply needs a stronger jockey than he carried in the 2,000 Guineas. I imagine the first-named theory is the least likely of the three. If he runs in the Stakes he will have plenty of time in which to beat a weaker opposition than turned out for the 2,000 Guineas. The Panther is engaged in this, likewise in the Payne Stakes, but he will not, in view of the Derby, be asked to take part in anything likely to entail a severe race, and with the ground shaping towards the firm side, the wisdom of such policy will be appreciated. Sir Alec Black was pleasantly chided for declining more than one "benefit" race with The Panther during the dry spell last summer, but many now as pleasantly say that he did the right thing. The only possible danger I can scent at Epsom is the Franco-American candidate, McKinley.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

Newmarket—Wednesday.
Flying Handicap.—Violincello.
Medreth Welter—Roker.
Newmarket Stakes—Lord Basil.
Spring Stakes—*Allenby.

Newmarket—Thursday.
Abingdon Plate—Diadem.
Bedford Stakes—*Lomelie.
Breeders' Stakes—He Goes, if absent Bobs

Gatwick—Friday.
Homebred Plate—Red Pepper.
Empire Handicap—*All Alone.
Dorking Welter—Fragola.

Gatwick—Saturday.
Homebred Cup—Roseway, if absent Southwell.
Crabbett Plate—Lady Phoebe.
Empire Handicap—Golden Rule.

I would call the special attention of my readers to the Derby Prize announcement on page iii. on the cover of this issue. It is a fine chance for someone to win a thousand pounds!

PRINTER'S PIE.

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"North Wilts Herald" (advertisement):—
"Nurse-Housemaid Wanted; one child 20 ton."

"Yorkshire Evening Post" (advertisement):—
"Pair of Trousers, navy blue, 34 chest."

"Picture Show":—
"'She's down!' groaned Yates, and he covered his hands with his eyes."

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"Special line in trench coats . . . also solid blouses."

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"Lost.—A small brooch, oblong circle of diamonds."

A copy of this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The special permission of the Committee of the Stock Exchange is required before the shares now offered can be dealt in; this permission is now being applied for. No part of the proceeds of the issue is to be applied for capital purposes outside the United Kingdom or to replace money which has been so applied. BARCLAYS BANK, LIMITED, 148, Holborn, E.C. 1. Head Office: Lombard Street, London, and Branches, will receive subscriptions for the undermentioned issue.

The List of Applications opened on Tuesday, 20th May, 1919, and close on or before FRIDAY, 23rd MAY, 1919, for Town and Country.

A. W. GAMAGE, LIMITED

Capital - - £500,000

Divided into 175,000 Preference Shares of £1 each and 325,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

Share Capital already issued—5½% Cumulative Preference Shares £175,000; Ordinary Shares £175,000; Debentures outstanding—4½% Redeemable Debentures £100,000.

Issue of 150,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each offered at a premium of 1s. per share.

Payable 2s. 6d. on application; 8s. 6d. on allotment (of which 1s. represents the premium); 5s. on 31st July, 1919; 5s. on 30th September, 1919.

These Shares will rank for Dividend as from 30th June, 1919, and will be entitled to receive the proportion of a year's full dividend calculated from that date until the end of the Company's financial year. ***No part of the issue has been or will be underwritten.***

CHAIRMAN AND GOVERNOR:
A. W. GAMAGE.

DIRECTORS:
E. M. GAMAGE. JAMES DUNN. W. A. VINCENT. J. S. PARKER.

BANKERS:
BARCLAYS BANK, LIMITED, 148, Holborn, London, E.C. 1.

SOLICITORS:
WARD, PERKS & TERRY, 85, Gracechurch Street, E.C. 3.

BROKERS:
JOHN PRUST & Co., 37, Throgmorton Street, E.C.2., and Stock Exchange.

AUDITORS:
SYDNEY JEFFREYS & Co., 10, Coleman Street, E.C. 2.

GENERAL MANAGER AND SECRETARY:
E. M. GAMAGE.

REGISTERED OFFICES:
128, HOLBORN, E.C. 1.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company was formed in August, 1897, with a capital of £100,000, divided into 50,000 5% per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each, and 50,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, for the purpose of acquiring the well-known business of A. W. GAMAGE. 30,138 Ordinary Shares and 25,000 Preference Shares were applied for by and allotted to the Vendor, who invested the whole of the purchase money payable to him in the Company's Shares. Its business is now probably the largest of its kind in the world.

The Capital of the Company has been increased from time to time in order to provide the necessary funds to cope with the remarkable and rapid development of the business and for the acquisition of the Company's very valuable properties.

In August, 1907, the business of Benetfink & Co., Limited, Cheapside, which had been established in the City of London for nearly a century, was acquired by the Company and has proved a very profitable investment.

The Company's premises in Holborn, Leather Lane and Robin Hood Yard were valued in 1904 by Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis & Co. and Messrs. Willats & Co. at £171,056. Between 31st January, 1904, and 31st January, 1919, there has been paid in respect of new buildings and the acquisition of fresh properties upward of £186,000. In view of the extent to which building costs have increased since the war, the present values are greatly in excess of these figures.

The main object of the present issue is to provide funds to pay for the re-building of certain of the Company's properties in Hatton Garden and Charles Street, and also to acquire and develop other important properties adjoining the Company's premises. The balance will remain available as further working capital.

The Directors have agreed, subject to formal Contract, to purchase from the Great Western Railway for the sum of £18,500 cash, the Leasehold Property, No. 124 Holborn. When the necessary rebuilding is completed, this will greatly improve the connection between the two main portions of the Company's Store, and provide additional floor space for important new departments, which will be opened in the near future. The Directors propose to pay special attention to the Provision and Catering Trade, and to considerably extend the Drapery and Furnishing Departments.

The dividends paid on the Ordinary Shares since 1910 have been as follows:—

For the year ended	January 31st,	1911	.. ..	10	per cent.
Do.	do.	1912	.. ..	10	do.
Do	do	1913	.. ..	10	do
Do	do	1914	.. ..	6	do
Do	do	1915	.. ..	6	do
Do	do	1916	.. ..	6	do.
Do.	do.	1917	.. ..	6	do.
Do.	do.	1918	.. ..	8	do.
Do.	do.	1919	.. ..	8	do.

But for the operation of the Excess Profits Duty, recent Dividends would have been substantially higher.

In the Company's last financial year the profits were sufficient to pay 18 per cent. on the Ordinary Capital, the sum of £17,000 having to be reserved for the Excess Profits Duty. The amount paid for the previous year was £11,557.

After payment of Debenture interest and the dividends on the Preference Shares and providing adequate reserves, the whole of the surplus profits are available for the Ordinary Shareholders.

The total reserve funds amount to £36,500.

There are no Management, Founders' or Deferred Shares.

The Company's Auditors, Messrs. Sydney Jeffreys & Co. (Chartered Accountants) have given the following Certificate:—

10, COLEMAN STREET, LONDON, E.C.2.
12th May, 1919.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF A. W. GAMAGE, LTD., 128, Holborn, E.C.1

DEAR SIRS,—We beg to certify that during the past seven years the net profits of A. W. GAMAGE, LTD., appearing in the published accounts as audited by us, after providing for all outgoings other than interest on debentures, income tax, and excess profits duty where applicable, and depreciation of fixtures and fittings, have been as follows:—

For the year ended	31st January,	1913	.. .. ..	£30,186
Do.	Do.	1914	.. .. ..	23,529
Do.	Do.	1915	.. .. ..	32,905
Do.	Do.	1916	.. .. ..	33,181
Do.	Do.	1917	.. .. ..	33,401
Do.	Do.	1918	.. .. ..	53,299
Do.	Do.	1919	.. .. ..	65,148

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
SYDNEY JEFFREYS & Co.

The premiums receivable on this issue of Ordinary Shares will, after payment of the issue expenses, be added to the Reserve.

The usual brokerage at the rate of 3d. per Share will be paid on allotments made in pursuance of applications stamped with the name of a Broker, but no other commission or brokerage will be paid.

The Company has, within the past two years, entered into numerous Contracts, but they are all in the ordinary course of its business, and the Directors do not consider them material. A Contract entered into more than two years ago with James Baker, of Bydorp House, Hanwell, for the purchase of a Leasehold interest in 106, Hatton Garden, for £3,500, payable in cash, has not yet been completed, but is intended to be completed shortly.

A print of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Auditors' Certificate, can be inspected at the offices of the Solicitors to the Company between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on each day on which the lists are open.

Each Share, whether Preference or Ordinary, confers one vote.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment in respect of this issue is £100.

Applications for the Ordinary Shares may be made on the form below, and sent with the required deposit to the Company's Bankers.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of Shares allotted is less than that applied for, the balance of such deposit will be applied towards the payment due on allotment, any excess being returned to the applicant. Failure to pay any instalment when due will render the allotment liable to cancellation and previous payments liable to forfeiture. Interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum will be charged on instalments in arrear.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application may be obtained at the offices of the Bankers, Solicitors, Brokers, and Auditors of the Company, also at the Company's Registered Office.

Dated 17th May, 1919.

FORM OF APPLICATION. Issue of 150,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each at a Premiums of 1s. per share.

To the Directors of A. W. Gamage, Ltd.

GENTLEMEN,—Having paid to the Company's Bankers the sum of £.....being a deposit of 2s. 6d. per Share on an application for..... Ordinary Shares of £1 each, at a premium of 1s. per Share, I request you to allot me that number of Shares, and I hereby agree to accept the same, or any less number that may be allotted to me upon the terms and conditions of the Prospectus, dated 17th May, 1919, and to pay the further instalments as thereby provided, and I authorise you to place my name on the Register of Members of the Company in respect of the Shares allotted to me. I hereby declare that this application is not made by or for the benefit of any enemy subject within the meaning of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916, or with whom trading is forbidden under any proclamation relating to Trading with the Enemy.

This form to be sent with the deposit of 2s. 6d. per Share to BARCLAYS BANK, LIMITED, 148, Holborn, London, E.C.1.

Cheques should be made payable to BARCLAYS BANK, LIMITED, or Bearer, and crossed NOT NEGOTIABLE. If altered from "Order" to "Bearer" the alteration must be initialled by the Drawer.

No receipts for the amounts paid on application will be issued, but Allotment Letters will be posted with as little delay as possible.

Please write distinctly.

Usual Signature .....
Name (in full) .....
Address .....
.....
Occupation or Description .....
(Please say if Mrs., Miss, Revd., or other distinctive description.)
Date.....*May*, 1919.

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[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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CPL. P. G. S. (Guildford).—Were we to include a portrait of the Editor in our issue of Peace Celebration week, as you request, it would suggest that we countenanced the Peace Terms, which we are by no means sure of doing.

E. T. S. (Stockton-on-Tees).—The person who told you there were more American than British troops on the Western Front on Armistice Day was suffering from an impediment in his truth.

MRS. D. L. DE B. (London, N.W.).—Many an Englishwoman was married to what she fancied was a "quiet, sober, respectable, peace-loving" German before the war, only to find on "Der Tag" that he was a Hun. No! Notwithstanding their English wives, our cry is "Let 'em *all* go!"

S. L. T. (Mansfield Park).—"... Where would Bottomley have been? Candid letters not so keen, leaders not so full of spleen. If he'd had to quaff, I mean, Nothing else but water." You never can tell.

"LOYAL BILL" (Guildford).—"How, is it to be expected private employers will give preference to Service men when they are openly ignored by State departments?" The Government set a shocking example, certainly.

"GATEMAN" (L. & S. W. Ry.) says he does 16 hours every day before going to bed, "and very often out again in the middle of the night." You work almost as long hours as we do.

A. V. R. (Coventry).—Put it before your own M.P. We love to do our best, but you should give the others a run sometimes.

L. K. D. S. (East Southsea).—Thanks, but you must not ask us to "twit" a Royal Commission. As a rule, they are devils to twit.

R. C. W. (Glasgow).—Sorry we cannot elucidate the intentions of the Government. If we could, it would be a wonderful help to the Front Opposition Bench.

"1914" (Bootle) says if the Hun doesn't sign the Peace Treaty "there are plenty of men to make him sign it." We think the Hun is bluffing.

S. E. A.—"War widows should have a gold stripe or badge to wear, especially after they have left off their mourning." Alas, poor souls, their mourning will never cease. But many would not care to proclaim their grief.

H. K. (Ruislip).—Yes, but your disability pension is for life; the unemployment gifts are temporary. Would you change?

J. B. M. (Edgbaston).—"I am a reader of your articles, which are good." We should hate to differ.

E. B. (Balham).—Whatever our opinions, there must be no want of fervour in our welcome to the American troops, who are not to be blamed for Wilson's wanton whims.

W. G. W. (Aldgate).—So you "made us powerful," and "if peace is not signed" we "stand good chance of being Prime Minister if backed up" by you. You "hold secrets." Hold them tight, friend, for a secret told is a secret no longer.

J. H. J. M. (Millington).—Afraid we cannot air your grievance in the House of Commons. Don't you think it might be simpler to get elected yourself?

C. S. (Willesden).—Scientific research does not support the wild theory that the Anglo-Saxon race are the descendants of the fabled, or alleged, "lost tribes of Israel."

"CURIOUS" (Peterborough).—"Why do curates possess such large 'Adam's apples'?" Because they have to swallow so much that ordinary, intelligent laymen cannot take in.

"EX-SOLDIER."—We have not yet seen it stated that Miss Marie Lloyd has been made Dame of the O.B.E., but we are watching the successive Honours Lists with close attention.

"A WORKING MOTHER" (Sussex).—A Beauty Competition for land-lasses in uniform sounds luscious. Wind, weather, and other cires. permitting, the Editor, and his staff, would be there.

T. A. & H. A. (Norfolk) says that in a certain village a farmer, their late employer, turned discharged soldiers off his farm on applying for work again. "Didn't want any loafers," he said. He would have been half a loafer but for men like you.

J. H. W. (Canadian Forces).—"Your soldiers are all coming home, John, And for work at your door they will call; Bundle out all your aliens, And then there'll be work for them all." We have always helped in the bundling.

A. H. (Grays).—"Isn't it time someone was shown up?" It is. Whom do you prefer?

"REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS" wants an increase of fees "to make up the amount lost during the past two or three years and assist to meet the extra cost of living." In this case, has he considered the extra cost of dying?

F. W. T. (Bucks).—Married men know those corset adverts. are not a bit like the real thing, but to stop them would deprive young officers in barracks of much artless amusement.

U. C. A. (Headingley).—You wish to protest because we said the National Union of Bookbinders and Machine Rulers supplied an apprentice to take the place of a soldier. Then make your protest to the local Secretary. We quoted his words.

"EASTBOURNE."—"She is a dirty trickster." Plenty of bathing facilities at Eastbourne, so her condition is inexcusable.

"ST. ASAPH."—Yours is a sad case. But why slave for a worthless man? Turn him out, starve him out, or freeze him out. Work for your children, not for a waster.

E. L. (Swindon).—"I thank you for your Candid Communication to Mr. Austen Chamberlain." You are more grateful than he was, anyway.

"SOME OF THE BOYS" (Hendon).—In case we "fancy a drink in the Hendon district," it is most obliging of you to tell us where we cannot get it.

P. J. C. (King's Lynn).—You appear to have a lot of grievances. We could have sorted them out better if they had been on separate postcards.

"ALF MARK" (B.E.F.).—"I have a grave matter to bring to your notice before May is out." Hurry up, then. "Let's talk of graves" (Shakespeare).

S. C.—So they make remarks about your letter that won five guineas in our "People's Pulpit." Your observations on Red Tape must have hit them on the raw—on the red, in fact.

A. J. B. (San Francisco).—"There *are* those who over-rate what the Yanks did." There *are*. But wou'dn't a modest Yankee be an anachronism?

"RACE-COURSE" (London, W.C.).—"Surely it might be possible to have racing without betting?" Quite. It is also possible to have betting without racing—a point you apparently have overlooked.

"OIRISH ITALIANO" (Charing Cross, W.C.).—"Where the Divil would Prisidint Wilson himsilf, or Amirica be, only for Christopher Columbus?" That is a question that should make Woodrow Fiume.

GNR. J. B. (Salford).—No doubt you meant well by your "effort for JOHN BULL," but when we found you trying to rhyme "struggle" with "muddles," we had to go straight out and stand ourselves a drink.

"PENSIONER" (Gateshead), suffering from shell shock, resents a Medical Board doctor telling his cousin that in his condition he was "a curse to his country, to his friends, and to himself, and no good to anybody." A tactless remark, but probably not ill-meant.

"DISCHARGED" (Bath).—"Discharged men don't want the unemployment dole; they want work, but they don't get it from the Labour Exchanges." Sometimes they get cheek instead."

A. B. C. (Coleraine).—"Bravo, John; you carry even a better head than Bass's." Larger, but not so frothy.

J. P. H. (Golder's Green) knows a chief marine engineer on a Government-requisitioned ship, discharged three months ago, unable to get a job since, and without a penny compensation for dodging torpedoes for four years in Government service. Too bad.

J. O. (Shiremoor) and MANY OTHERS.—We are not offering, and have never offered, a prize for the collection of motor car numbers, so are afraid your efforts in compiling lists have been wasted—although some of you *do* address us as "Sir John Bull."

C. L. (Devonport).—Thanks for your letter with the big round blot on it. You should use a JOHN BULL pen.

G. H.—"Why have Harry Lauder and Oswald Stoll been knighted?" Their minds are probably occupied with the same puzzling query.

"WORRIED ONE" (Edinburgh).—Far better to give up not only your uniform but your jumper and camisole also, rather than go to law on a question of the rightful ownership of a garment.

R. S. R. (Cardiff).—We are investigating your complaint respecting Elmer Shirley. If what you say is correct, you are, of course, entitled to the return of the fee you have paid.

R. G. (Blackburn).—Assuming a tax on bachelors, we see no reason why "priests and ministers of all denominations" should escape it.

H. W. (Leith).—"How is it our marriage laws are so absurd?" Probably because so many people who get married are absurd.

MRS. C. H. F. (Caterham).—"Don't you think such firms should be compelled to employ married ex-soldiers at a living wage?" All employers ought to be compelled to pay their workers a living wage.

A. N. B. (Woodford).—Will keep your statement by us; but don't forget that there is a public point of view as well as a publican's.

M. H. W.—"Why not put criminals on the operating table instead of hanging them?" You say you are our "sincere admirer," but you do rather frighten us!

L. J. B. (Islington).—"When is the tax on postage stamps to be taken off?" Three-halfpence for a quarter-pound is not really dear, and some of our long-winded correspondents take full weight.

A. T. S. (Farmers' Club).—You want a clause in the Aliens Bill naming Germans and Austro-Germans as a special class? But they are no class.

W. H. (Shoreham).—Thanks for particulars of "large Government job being done." There are lots of little ones as well, but perhaps you do not mean what we mean.

L. W. K. (Leicester).—Glad you "admire our general attitude." Any line that specially pleases you we might try to develop.

J. H. (Wolstanton).—We note that in your own opinion you are "a very moderate drinker." How many swallows do you make of a pint?

E. N. (Holland Park, N.).—Afraid we cannot buy your information, but if you care to make us a present of it, we will return what we don't use.

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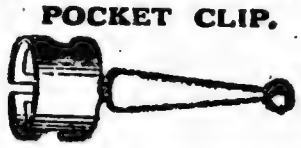

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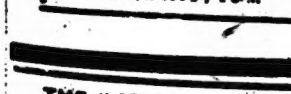

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£1,000

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10 PRIZES OF £2-10

50 PRIZES OF 10/-

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UNAPPROACHABLE	A TOUCHING STORY	CLINGING TO POST	RANK INJUSTICE
FATHER'S MISTAKE	OVERCROWDED	AFTER THE GIRLS	MAKES WIFE CROSS
SHOULD BE MUZZLED	I DON'T LIKE	MATRIMONIAL TROUBLES	TEETOTAL DRINKS
DEALING WITH BOLSHEVIKS	MERRY WIDOW	AT THE LAUNDRY	THE OFFICIAL WAY
RUNNING RIOT	AFTER THE RACE	NOT SATISFIED	MOST UNPLEASANT WHEN

Closing Date, Thursday, May 29th.

Example .....

Bullet .....

Example .....

Bullet .....

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If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

Signed .....

Address .....

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Example .....

Bullet .....

Example .....

Bullet .....

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If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

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Address .....

Closing Date, Thursday, May 29th.

Example .....

Bullet .....

Example .....

Bullet .....

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If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

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2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

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Result of 330th 'Bullets' Competition.

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Example:—Not All There.
Bullet:—"House" When Voting Expenditure.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. C. JACKSON,
32, Cardigan Mount, Kirkstall Road, Leeds.

Example:—Having It Out.
Bullet:—Kaiser Once Pictured Navy.

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

Miss E. Nixon, Bucks Green, nr. Horsham: Taking The Bachelor—Many Cured By "Suggestion."

Mr. W. Casey, Knatwood Grove, Tilehurst, Berks.: Slow To Learn—Otherwise Strikes Would Cease.

Mr. S. E. Eels, 152, Whitehorse Road, West Croydon: Saving A Lot—Nearly Time People Started.

Lieut. W. S. Bain, Durleston Manor, Denmark Hill, S.E.: Peace Terms—Government Asking Labour Soon.

Mr. P. H. Godfrey, 103, Bartholomew Rd., Kentish Town: Second Helping—Hope Peace Won't Require.

Mr. S. J. White, St. Catherine's Lighthouse, Niton, I.O.W.: Peace Terms—May Cause Newspaper War.

Mr. W. R. Raymond, 112, Akerman Rd., N. Brixton: At The Labour Exchange—One Government Measure Appreciated.

Mr. H. P. Palmer, 93, Caernarvon Rd., Norwich: At It Again—After A Politicians' Peace.

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Mr. F. W. Bartlett, 16, Lydeard Road, East Ham, E.: Funny Man—Napoleon Would Consider Kaiser.

Mr. W. Mahony, 5, Theberton St. West, Islington, N.: Past Work—Germans Never "Considered" Prisoners.

Mr. W. S. Stribling, 45, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate, E.: Second Helping—Unnecessary Where Bottomley Carves.

Mr. F. Hudson, 6, Montpelier Row, Blackheath, S.E.: Peace Terms—Germany Mustn't "Improve On."

Mr. J. E. Johnson, 28, Bromley Crescent, Bromley, Kent: Britain's Future—High But Not "Dry."

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Mr. J. W. Hartley, 43, Cromwell Road, Grimsby: Past Work—Tommy—Before Getting Land.

List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition No. 330 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

Result of Competition No. 332 will be found in our issue dated June 14th.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

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The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

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In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
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Address .....

May 24, 1919.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of .....

and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

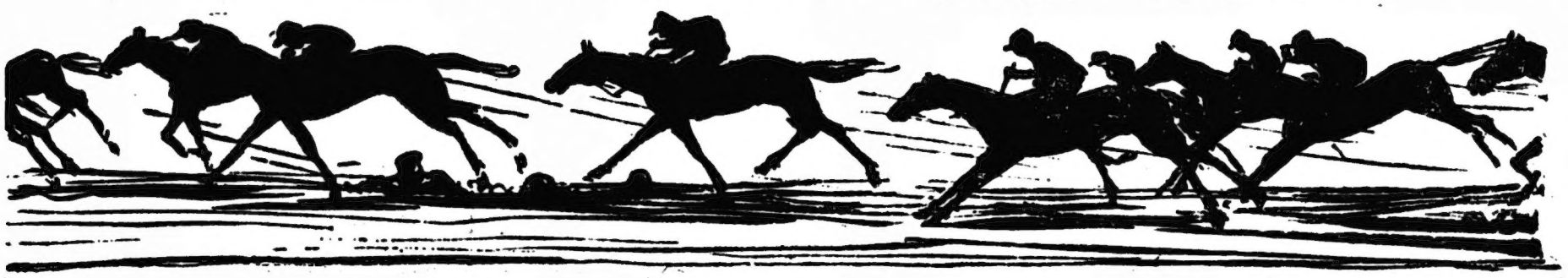
Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
Home Address .....

May 24, 1919.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose ½d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

WHAT WILL WIN THE DERBY?



£1,000! MUST BE WON! NO ENTRANCE FEES! £1,000!

To celebrate the First After-the-War DERBY, and to test the racing skill of our readers, we are this week offering the sum of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS for correctly placing the first three horses in the forthcoming Derby, or for the best forecast of the result.

What You Have to Do.

YOU will find on this page a coupon. On it in the space opposite "1st" *you must write in ink the name of the horse,* as given on the list below, which you think will win the Derby. Opposite "2nd" you must write the name of the horse which you think will finish Second, and opposite "3rd" the name of the horse which you think will finish Third.

So that if you think "THE PANTHER" will win, you will simply write "The Panther" in the space against "1st" on the coupon. If you think that "LORD BASIL" will finish Second, you will simply write "Lord Basil" in the space against "2nd" on the coupon. If you think that "PAPER MONEY" will finish Third, you will simply write "Paper Money" against "3rd."

At the time of going to press it is impossible to state for certain which horses will run. All the probable runners are printed first in black type; it does not follow these will all run. The names of the other horses, in smaller type, are those that have been entered, but which may or may not run.

In order to assist you to make a correct forecast, you are advised to read the papers day by day, and to study the form of the horses.

Remember this is a skill competition, and you must utilise judgment and discrimination in filling up your coupon.

The Thousand Pound Prize.

We shall award the cash prize of One Thousand Pounds to the competitor correctly placing the first three horses in the forthcoming Derby, in accordance with the official decision. In the event of nobody doing this, the prize will be awarded for the nearest correct forecast received. Should more than one competitor be equally successful, the prize money will be divided.

The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this Competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Attempts can only be made on coupons taken from this page They must not be enclosed with any "Bullets" coupons or correspondence.

NO ENTRANCE FEES! YOU CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS YOU LIKE. £1,000 MUST be won.

List of Probable Runners.

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AVATAR
BAYUDA
BERGLEUSE
BRITANNIA
BUCHAN
CARAPACE
CYGNUS
DOMINION
EXFORD
GIRVAN
GOLDEN ORB
GRAND PARADE
KHALIFAH
KNIGHT OF THE AIR
LORD BASIL
MAKEPEACE
MAPLEDURHAM
MILTON
OBSERVATEUR
PAPER MONEY
PESARO
RACKET
RAPIDAN
ROAMER
SENTRY
STEFAN THE GREAT
TANGIERS
THE PANTHER
VERTIGO
VICEROY
WILSON
WHITE HEAT

List of Possible Runners.

ALL ALONE.
ALLIANCE.
ARCHGIFT.
BAY OF NAPLES.
BAY TREE.
BIWA.
BRANTIGNY.
BRUMADO.
CAVIAR II.
CHARIOTEER.
CHAUD.
CHEAP POPULARITY.
CLARION.
COMET.
CORIOLANUS.
CYCLAMEN.
CYLGAR.
CYPHER.
DANEGELT.
DANIEL.
DARK MAGIC.
DAYBREAK.
DORSET.
DOUBLE NOTE.
ELLA CORDERY.
ELSINORE.
EXTRADITION.
FIRE KING.
GALATEE.
GLANMERIN.
GRAND ALMONER.
HELIX.
IRISH LAKE.
KING'S IDLER.
LIBERTY BOND.
McKINLEY.
MANDARIN.
MILCHESTER.
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MONTEITH.
ORBITO.
PALATINA.
PHIL.
POLYGON WOOD.
POMAR.
POMME-DE-TERRE.
POWERFUL.
PREGADOR.
QUEEN'S GUILD.
REPARATION.
ROYAL DIAMOND.
ROYAL WEATHER.
SAN POL.
SARDIS.
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STARSHOT.
SYMONS WAY.
TENSION.
THE MINORITE.
THE SPHINX.
TOURVILLE.
TROWBRIDGE.
WAR BOND.
WAR CALL.
WAR CAP.
WAR CRY.
WAR DREAM.
WAR DRIVE.
WAR DUTY.
WAR FAME.
WAR MARVEL.
WAR PAINT.
WAR STRENGTH.
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WILLONETTE.
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WYANDANCE.

☛ *Please note that the closing date has been changed to Monday, June 2nd.*

"JOHN BULL" ENTRANCE FORM DERBY COMPETITION.

Closing Date JUNE 2nd

1st

2nd

3rd

Write clearly in ink, in the space opposite this arrow, the name of the horse you think will win the Derby.

Write clearly in ink, in the space opposite this arrow, the name of the horse you think will be placed second in the Derby.

Write clearly in ink, in the space opposite this arrow, the name of the horse you think will be placed third in the Derby.

I enter the JOHN BULL Derby Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

SIGNED.....

ADDRESS.....

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Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

YOU CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS YOU LIKE.

All coupons must be posted to reach us on or before Monday, June 2nd. Envelopes to be addressed DERBY COMPETITION, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Competition" in the top left corner of envelope.

☛ **AND NOW TRY "BULLETS" ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE. Over 8,000 Prizes to be won!**

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NOT THE LIVER.

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as would ensure perfect digestion at every point along the whole alimentary tract.

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PAINS in Bowels CRAMP and CONSTIPATION with all its misery

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(Signed) "G."

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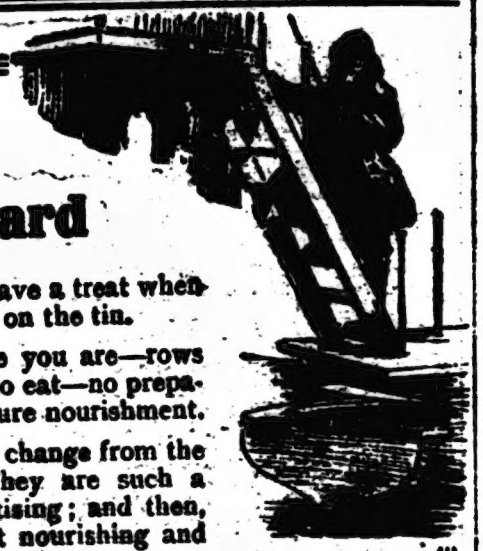

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